



The Parish Beacon

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October 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Alleluia for the start of another theme here at Our Redeemer. We will be saying alleluia or praise God for all the blessings He gives us. We have so many wonderful things to praise God for! This year we will focus on our place as part of God's creation. He made you and me and everything around us and He continues to sustain all of His creation. So we say Alleluia, praise God.

We praise God for the change of seasons and how He continues to bless us. We now get to prepare for winter and we get to enjoy the changing of leaves in the trees. We get to see all the fruits of the earth, the apples and pumpkins and corn. We get to be in community with one another at football games and cross country meets. We get to celebrate holidays with friends and family. For all these wonderful blessings we say, "Alleluia, Praise God!"

Alleluia literally translates to Praise the Lord. It comes from the Hebrew word Hallelujah. הלל יהוה. You can see that in Hebrew Hallelujah is two words. In Hebrew you read right to left so the first word הללו or "hālāl" means praise. The second word יהוה or "yāh" is a shortened version of God's divine name YHWH. So when you put it all together hālāl and yāh you get hallelujah. The word alleluia comes from Greek. The Greek language does not have a "H" sound so it got dropped off the the beginning of the word. When we say hallelujah or alleluia we are saying "Praise the Lord".

So this year we will say, "Alleluia, Praise the Lord" for all He gives us!

Vicar Vought

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P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For the sick and the dying, and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For

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), **Todd Jones** (Barb & Ron Jones' son), **Heather Krogh, 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, Garry Wilcox** (Melissa Mullane's dad), and **Martha Van Kirk**, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord have Mercy**

For the Panama FORO and the Lutheran churches of Panama, their pastors and deaconesses, and congregations, that God would continue to keep their faith strong and grow the Kingdom of God.

C: **Lord have Mercy**

Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy, Christ have Mercy, Lord have mercy. Amen.**

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sun 09/28	Worship Service 8:00am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:20am Worship Service 10:30
Mon 09/29	Staff Meeting 1:00pm Chamber Singers 6:00pm Sunlight AA Group 6:00pm
Tues 09/30	Al-Anon 7:00pm
Wed 10/01	TOPS 8:00am Bible Study 11:00am Lunch Bunch 12:00pm Midweek Meal 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal 6:45pm Midweek Classes 6:45pm Adult Bible Study 7:00pm
Thurs 10/02	Comfort Tiers 9:00am Visitation 6:30pm Al-Anon 7:30pm
Fri 10/03	***
Sat 10/04	Worship Service 5:30pm
Sun 10/05	Worship Service 8:00am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:20am Worship Service 10:30am Panama Lunch & Presentation 12:00pm Circuit Meeting 4:30pm Panama Eyeglass Clinic Meeting 6:00pm

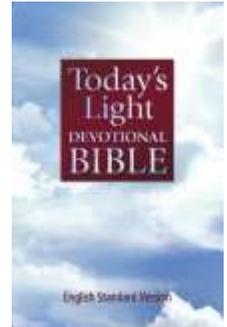


Altar flowers for this weekend are given by Carol Zimmermann in memory of her husband, Rev. Tim Zimmermann, and her sister, Kathy Janssen.

THE BIBLE IN TWO YEARS

Week 92

09/29/25	Ephesians 4:1-32
09/30/25	Ephesians 5:1-6:24
10/01/25	Philippians 1:1-30
10/02/25	Philippians 2:1-30
10/03/25	Philippians 3:1-4:1
10/04/25	Philippians 4:2-23



Coffee and snacks for this weekend will be provided by the LWML. Come join us for a little fellowship before Bible Class and Sunday School.

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: October 4, 5, 18, 19

**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



SOCKTOBER
Collecting donated socks
October 1—31
Sock bin by
Welcome Counter



LUNCH BUNCH
October 1
Bible Class 11:00am
Lunch 12:00pm
Fellowship Hall

MIDWEEK MEAL
October 1
6:00pm
Fellowship Hall

School Closed—ICCS
October 2-3



**Clergy
Appreciation
Day**
October, 5




**Panama Mission
Eye Glass Clinic
Lunch & Presentation**
October 5, 12:00pm



**Columbus Day
Office Closed**
Monday, October 13



LUNCH BUNCH
October 15
Bible Class 11:00am
Lunch 12:00pm
Fellowship Hall



**7th & 8th Grade
Confirmation Retreat**
Saturday, October 18
6:30pm



**SPECIAL
VOTERS MEETING**
October 19, 11:45am



New Member Brunch
Sunday, October 19
11:45am
Fellowship Hall

School Closed—ICCS
October 21



**Trunk
or
Treat**
Sunday, October 31, 4:00pm
South Parking Lot

Birthdays

September 28	Beth Benson, Cael Caven, Krista Farnsworth, Stacey Sexton, Robert Sexton
September 29	Mark Greve, Kyle Kelley, Kyle Mullet, Dennis Peer, Todd Saterfield, Addison Spiekermeier
September 30	Jackson Caylor, Nathan Kibby
October 1	Julie Cole, Lisa Hintze
October 2	Grace Anderson, Morgan Siems, Kathleen Wittich
October 3	Lindsey Bolton, Jacob Recker, Chris Schwarz
October 4	Brielle Bex, Rebecca LaRoche, Hannah Ramsey, Luke Ramsey, T.J. Ramsey, Lynn Smith

Stewardship—September 20/21, 2025

ATTENDANCE		TREASURES	
Sat. 9/20 In Person 5:30pm	66	Contributions	\$14,735
Sun. 9/21 In Person 8:00am	63	Monthly needs for budget	\$71,996.33
Sun. 9/21 In Person 10:30am	145		
TOTAL WEEKEND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	274	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	71/54

Thank you for your support.



MISSION	September
Iowa District East	\$3,333.33
TOTAL	\$3,333.33
Common Fund (CommUnity)	\$125.00
Lutheran Hour	\$125.00
St. Paul's Chapel	\$375.00
MONTH TOTAL	\$3,958.33
Crisis Center	***
Lutherans for Life	***
Concordia Seminary Food Bank	***
TOTAL	\$3,958.33

Membership Changes and Official Acts

<u>Baptisms</u>	
Arthur Jeffrey Johnson	09-20-2025



Thank you to all who helped with the City High Homecoming Parade Our Redeemer Lutheran Church hot dog feed event Wednesday. A special thank you to the following people who spent time and energy preparing, serving, and cleaning up: Denise and Myrl Holidia, Rick and Barb Gienapp, Brenda Johnson, Arlan and Marlene Thompson, Carol Holman, Judy Swartz, Louise Klopp, Lorrie Bailey, Bruce Mauer, John Mentink, Harold Warner, Marcia and Kevin Hulse, Skip and Marilyn Kempnich.

This is a great Outreach event to the community.

Outreach Committee



Marilyn Paetz	January 1987	Organist
Louise Klopp	January 28, 1999 December 2012 June 18, 2019	Choir Praise Team Properties Coordinator
Kaja Mueller	October 10, 2004	DCE Preschool Director
Pastor Hartwig	June 1, 2008 June 21, 2009 May 30, 2010	Vicar Associate Pastor Senior Pastor
Denise Holida	June 1, 2009	Adult Coordinator
Laurel Sellers	June 6, 2011 June 30, 2019	Office Coordinator Consultant
Kevin Sellers	February 17, 2014	Director of Technology
Kara Hartwig	September 3, 2015	Youth Coordinator
Sarah Gabel	March 7, 2016	Bookkeeper
Sara Cross	August 2017	Preschool Assistant
Lorrie Bailey	June 10, 2019	Office Coordinator
Brian Manary	June 15, 2021	Custodian
Christie Cherian	January 1, 2023	Preschool Assistant
Vicar Vought	August 1, 2025	Vicar

OUR REDEEMER CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

On October 5 join the LWML and the congregation in recognizing both the clergy and staff during coffee time with special treats.

Note that Kara Hartwig has been youth coordinator for 10 years, so we would like to offer her a special congratulations for her milestone anniversary.

Pray for their continuing service and ability to work together as a staff.



Submitted by Marcia Hulse

Stephen Ministry

We care, Christ cures.

You Can Play an Important Role in Our Stephen Ministry...

Do you have a friend or relative who is a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church who is going through a difficult time and who could benefit from the focused care, encouragement, and support of a Stephen Minister? Stephen Ministers don't just provide care for people experiencing a major crisis. They also provide care and support for people weighed down by the little things in life.

If you know of someone who is feeling down, lonely, stressed, or discouraged, they could benefit from the care, support, and encouragement of a Stephen Minister. It's free. It's confidential. And it will really make a difference in their life!

Stephen Ministry is a ministry in which people with special gifts for caring can put those gifts to use in an organized way, bringing Jesus' love and care to those who most need it.

You can talk with them about how we can connect the person you know with one of our Stephen Leaders or Pastor Hartwig. It's a great way for you to show how much you care!

STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADERS

Pastor Hartwig 319-338-5626

Bill Benson 517-881-9848

Marcia Hulse 319-541-4026

Kevin Sellers 319-631-8924



SUPPORT GROUP

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.

The next GriefShare grief support group at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church begins on Tuesday, November 04, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Room 208/210.

At each weekly meeting, you will view a video featuring respected counselors, pastors, and healthcare professionals on grief-related topics, plus you'll hear relatable personal stories of grief. After that is a small-group discussion to allow people time to talk, share support, and personally apply what they learned on the video. When you register you will receive a book filled with valuable exercises for navigating their personal grieving process.

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.

GriefShare group participants have repeatedly shared that they feel comforted and encouraged by being in a place where people truly understand what they're going through. And they feel a sense of relief when they're given guidance and tips on how to deal with the daily challenges.

Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. No matter how long it's been, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling.

If you have experienced the death of a family member or friend, you are invited to attend. For more details, and to find and register for a group, visit griefshare.org.

Our Redeemer welcomes.....



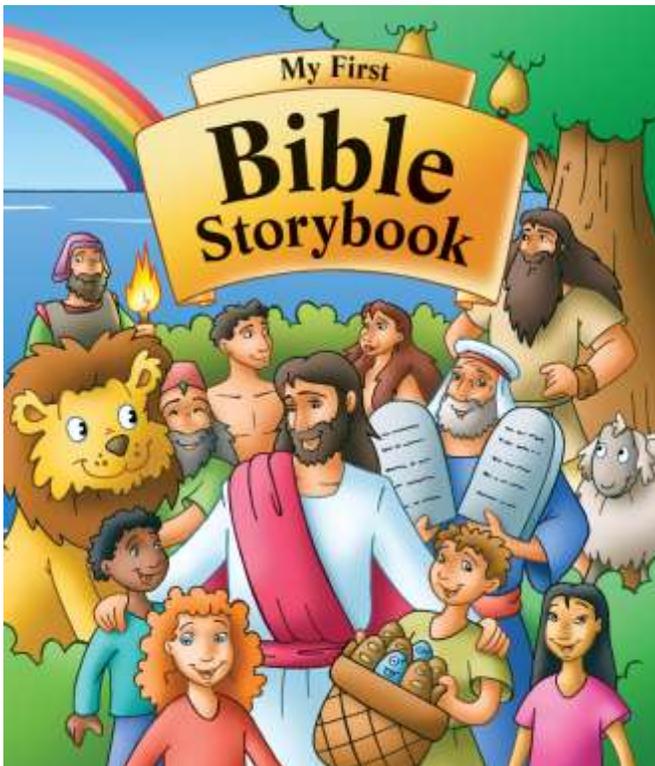
New members Daniel and Kacie Gaffey. Kacie is currently a nurse UIHC and Daniel is a UI police officer.

They like to do a variety of hobbies and leisure time activities. Most of their activities include Fynn the yellow Lab.

They both are athletes. Kacie played basketball with Mount Mercy and Daniel played football with UI.

They do like to make ice cream trips with Fynn.

Children's Bibles Needed



Our Redeemer is looking for your financial help to purchase two children's Bibles in every pew. It costs \$20 per Bible, and we need a total of 64 Bibles. You can designate a check in the offering or bring your donation to the church office. Thank you.

A Few Thoughts After 15 Years as President of the LCMS

“These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.” John 16:33

As I pulled into the gas station this morning, I turned on the radio. There were interviews with children whose fathers were firemen, killed on 9/11. Oh my, I thought. Another anniversary of that horrid day. I remember it all too well. Within a week I was at Ground Zero. The LCMS provided a million dollars for the victims’ center in Manhattan. The controversy in the LCMS which ensued nearly broke my heart. Thank God we’ve moved beyond it and our approach to such situations constructed in the wake, has very largely kept us out of further internal controversy.

Those were my LCMS World Relief and Human Care days. So many tragedies came in the early 2000s. After the great Asian Tsunami. I remember the smell of the dead scattered over the coastal plain of Sri Lanka. A fisherman there showed me the one wall left of his home after two 40-foot waves destroyed his entire village. A battered crucifix hung on the wall. He gave it to me. To this day it reminds me of the depth of sin which required the death of the Son of God to redeem. And our lives are like Jesus’, defined by the cross and the many crosses we endure with Christ in this life, ever pointing us to Jesus. The same happened in India and especially Indonesia where multi-story buildings collapsed like pancakes crushing the innocent. I’ll never forget Katrina, as I landed in a borrowed private jet in Baton Rouge, filled with chain saws as our people requested. Our people in New Orleans were amazing. They loved their neighbors. The mayor of New Orleans said several years ago, “If it weren’t for the Lutherans New Orleans would not be back yet today.” Our Camp Restore rebuilt thousands upon thousands of homes.

There were many other tragedies. Hurricane after Hurricane. fire and tornado. Always the great folks of the LCMS and their precious congregations rose to the occasion with astounding generosity, giving away to people in the clear name of Jesus Christ, while sharing His love and His Gospel. I often thought, I’ve been privileged to see the suffering world, and so much more privileged to be the bearer of the mercy of God’s to people in terrible need. But sometimes I think I’ve seen too much.

Yesterday was the tragic murder of Charlie Kirk, a confessing Christian murdered for political speech. I beheld the news in shock, bouncing between the reports of sorrow and vitriol, putting the worst possible construction on sound bites. Our world is deeply disordered. Families are disordered. Our governments are disordered. Immigration is disordered. Crime is an intense indicator of this disorder. The trans movement is inherently disordered. The Middle East is disordered. Our beloved LCMS has given hundreds of millions of dollars for the care of people suffering tragedy and need, no matter their religious views. Yet vitriol is unleashed upon us for simply believing what the Bible says about sex, about family, about decency. A few on our far edges say untoward things about race, failing to take into account the beautiful message of the N.T. that “God is no respecter of persons.” (Acts 10) and that repeatedly in the N.T. we see lists of early Christians which include multiple ethnicities from around the Mediterranean world. There is no New Testament argument against the freedom to marry among ethnicities, much less any such distinctions in the church. Jesus said, “Go therefore to all ETHNAE.” Some drink of the philosophy of the world on sexuality matters and fail to note that the mandated compassion of Jesus is grounded in His message, “Repent for the Kingdom of God is near,” which is meant for all. There is a failure to call for repentance and to reject disordered confusion of male and female in all aspects of life. Thank God these views are rather rare, and when I become aware of something contrary to our LCMS confession of the clear Scriptures, I contact the relevant District President, and the matter is engaged and most often resolved in short order.

The world is filled with vitriol. The explosion of personal expression at the fingertips of every fool ready to state something untoward, uncharitable or biblically illiterate has made our life a mess. Often, I don’t speak into situations just because I tire of the half-cocked responses it’s guaranteed to receive. It’s a constant judgment call. Will it do more good than harm? “My kingdom is not of this world,” said Jesus. “You said this about that, why not that about this?” The church is not in this game to save the world’s ethics, or to Christianize the government of the United States. We exist to proclaim the forgiveness of sins solely in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We confess that the New Testament calls us to be good citizens. We pray for our leaders according to Paul’s admonition.

We work for good in our vocations. We participate as good citizens upholding reasonable, just and equitable laws.

The government has the power of the “sword” according to Romans 13. Christians may disagree about when and to what extent it is to be used in punishing crime, but they cannot disagree on the fundamental need for law and order. Governments grow from the 4th commandment. “Rulers” according to Luther are to enforce just laws, with decisiveness when called for, and with mercy when needed. Christians may disagree on immigration law and policy.

The LCMS has a long history of assisting immigrants. Right from the beginning our institutions welcomed Germans at the US harbors like Baltimore and connected them with LCMS Churches across the country. I recall in my youth my congregation assisting Southeast Asians fleeing communism. Many of these people joined the LCMS and their children and grandchildren are still among us. I do not support uncontrolled immigration.

I think it’s vital to retain Western Christian influenced culture and its wonderful blessings. But we Lutherans do not exist to “Christianize the state.” Our Augsburg Confession says the state and church are not to be “mixed.” I worry, frankly, about Muslim immigration and the orthodox Muslim denial of the two kingdoms. But some evangelicals have the same dogma! A great many of the decisions of the nature of state and law, are left to sanctified individual choice and action, biblically informed.

It was while I was at the gas station that an old friend texted me: “Congratulations on your 15th anniversary serving as the President of the LCMS.” I had not recalled THAT midst all the other things blaring into our lives. I thanked him.

I learned something as a very young pastor at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Westgate, Iowa, a town of 200 and a parish of 440 when I left. No matter how hard you try, you can’t make everyone happy. I by nature do not like controversy. I don’t like to displease folks. But something trumps that aspect of my personality. I am a man under orders. I’m a called minister of Christ, yoked by Him. It is my deepest desire – and has been since I was a young pastor – that the LCMS simply be who we say we are. We have a solid basis, THE solid basis of the blessed, inerrant Scriptures. We have the rock-solid confession of the Book of Concord built squarely on those confessions. I and every pastor and congregation of the LCMS has pledged to believe, teach, confess and act according to that confession.

In this life it’s always a matter of becoming not being. Every day I wake up and resolve by God’s grace to do the right thing, no matter what. Decisions often fall on my desk after they have become nearly unsolvable matters. My only desire is to serve faithfully, come what may. Midst all the many difficulties I have made mistakes. Daily I plead for forgiveness and strength to do what is right. I plead the Psalms daily.

My greatest worry is thanklessness. Luther said several times that the Gospel passes away from a people and a place for thanklessness. We see that reality in the U.S., long the source of genuine Christian mission around the globe. But church after church, institution after institution has lost its Christian moorings. Once Christian universities and charities have lost Christ. I worry when I see thanklessness in the LCMS. In many ways we are much stronger than we were when I began this vocation as president. The COP is much stronger. Our seminaries are stronger. Our universities are stronger and closer to the church. Our world mission is stronger. Our leadership of world confessional Lutheranism is stronger. Our finances are stronger. Our publishing house is stronger. Much more could be noted. I am thankful. I am thankful for the crosses which so often reduce me to nothing. I cleave to Christ and His word. I believe our public confession to the depth of my heart. And I’m thankful for you. Thank you for 15 incredible years.

“These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.” John 16:33

Matt Harrison, St. Louis Sept 11, 2025



PRIME TIME DINNER

Sunday November 2nd after the 10:30am service

The Annual Prime Time Dinner is for everyone in the congregation aged 60 and older. The dinner is hosted by the Human Care Committee with a holiday meal including turkey, potatoes, dressing, and pies sure to please your tastebuds. In order to determine the amount of food needed for this special occasion the Human Care Committee requests that you RSVP to Tracy Nelson at her email address by Sunday, October 19th, 2025.

Tracy's email address: tracy-nelson@uiowa.edu



CLERGY APPRECIATION DAY, OCTOBER 4/5

The apostle Paul began the concept of clergy appreciation when he said in 1 Timothy 5:17, "Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching". Paul restated this concept in 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 when he said that those who work hard among you should be held in the highest regard for their work. In 1992 Clergy Appreciation Month was started.

Shepherding God's flock can be difficult and lonely work at times. Many pastors leave the ministry each year.

There are many stories of men, in the Old and New Testaments who have experienced loneliness and weariness of ministry. In 2 Timothy 4, Paul said that no man stood with him, but Paul eventually came to understand that God was with him, even when he thought that he was deserted by men. The prophet Elijah sat under a broom tree and wanted to die. He later told God that he felt alone in his ministry. In 1 Kings chapter 19, God eventually showed Elijah that he had 7,000 supporters.

Pastor Appreciation Month was started to keep the pastors out from under Elijah's broom tree. Pastors are a blessing to their congregations and their families. On October 5 and 6, a basket will be available in the narthex for cards, notes of appreciation, and small gifts for Pastor Hartwig and Vicar Andrew Vought.

Calling All New Members – Save the Date

Who: New Members
What: Brunch and Fellowship Time
When: Sunday, October 19, following the 10:30 worship service
Where: Church Fellowship Hall (lower level by the kitchen)
Why: To meet new friends, enjoy a delicious meal, and learn about Our Redeemer's ministry opportunities.
Host: Connections Committee



Who is a new member? If you have joined Our Redeemer in the last year and have not yet been able to attend a new member brunch, you're invited. Watch for an invitation in the mail and RSVP as soon as possible. We're looking forward to getting to know you.



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Mission Committee

Highlighting the Christian/humanitarian work of our congregation as a whole and as individuals.
Here and around the world.

UKANDU - CHICAGO

June 21, 2025 – June 28, 2025

Remembering the fun we had while helping fellow Lutherans in Chicago.





Mission Committee Members

Denise Holida, Anita Nicholson, Val Penney, Bob Powers, Lynn Smith (Chair)

2025 Silent Auction & Luncheon Sunday, October 5, 2025

The Mission Committee is seeking unique items, handicrafts and/or services for this year's Silent Auction.

Some service ideas would be using your unique God given talents for: bread & pie of the month club/lawn care/professional photographs/etcetera.

The donated items should be new or well cared for pieces.

Donations can be dropped off at the church office.

The Silent Auction will help support individuals participating in the Panama Short-Term Mission Trip.

The Silent Auction items will be on display from

Sunday, October 5th to Sunday, October 19th.

Those items not selected for the Silent Auction will be returned.



Mission Committee Members

Denise Holida / Anita Nicholson / Val Penney / Bob Powers / Lynn Smith (Chair)

Please fill out the form below & attach it to the donated item or service.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS SHOULD BE DONATED BY SUNDAY, September 28, 2025.

Name: _____

Donated Item or Service: _____

Minimum bid (optional): _____

2025 Silent Auction & Luncheon Sunday, October 5, 2025



ORLC members in Balboa in 2024.



ORLC members in Balboa in 2024

Lutheran Church Locations - Panama

- Panama Canal
- Los Andes
- Balboa
- Loma Cova
- Sora
- Pacific Ocean

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Sora, Panama

God Is Great Lutheran Church
Loma Cova, Panama

Redeemer Lutheran Church
Balboa, Panama

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
Los Andes, Panama

The Lutheran churches & their locations where the 2024 eye glasses clinics were held.

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RALLY DAY 2025
September 14

Milestone Gifts

3-Year-Olds

- Josie
- Samuel
- Whitt
- Charlie

1st Grade

- Cade
- Demi
- Silas
- Zoey
- Izaak

3rd Grade

- Tobias
- Allie
- Lucy

6th Grade

- Arabella
- James
- Jayse
- Jolene
- Lydia

11th Grade

- Brian
- Jackson
- Taylor



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!



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade



SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

Toddlin' age—12th Grade

9:20 a.m.—10:15 a.m.

Invite your friends and come learn about Jesus!

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
September 28	Acts 10	A Centurion Converts—Peter and Cornelius
October 5	Acts 9:26-31; 11:19-30	Called Christian—The Church in Antioch Grows
October 12	Acts 12	A Jail Bail—Peter Escapes Prison
October 19	Acts 13:1-3; 14:8-18	On Your Feet—Paul, Barnabas, a Man Born Lame
October 26	Acts 15:-16:5	The Gentile Cause—The Jerusalem Council



Kids Club
Wednesdays
6:45pm—8:00pm
October 1



Lesson: God's Word

6:00pm There is a midweek meal in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us before the start of the evenings activities

Trunk or Treat



Trunk of Treat
is October 26th

Do you have a car trunk to use and want to volunteer for Trunk of Treat? Time to come up with your theme and volunteer a trunk.

Youth

6th - 12th Graders

OCTOBER 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	31	

DATE	EVENT	TIME
1	Midweek Meal <i>MEAL CREW: 8th Grade Families</i> Confirmation Classes / Youth Worship Rehearsal <i>for High School</i>	6:00 pm 6:45 pm
8	Confirmation Classes / Youth Worship Rehearsal <i>for High School</i>	6:45 pm
13	Church Office Closed	
15	Confirmation Classes / Youth Worship Rehearsal <i>for High School</i>	6:45 pm
18/19	7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat 	6:30 pm
22	Confirmation Classes / Youth Worship Rehearsal <i>for High School</i>	6:45 pm
26	Trunk  Or Treat	4:00pm
29	Confirmation Classes / Youth Worship Rehearsal <i>for High School</i>	6:45 pm

Youth Worship Rehearsals



It's that time of year when we begin rehearsals for our annual Youth Worship services.

High School students — We start practicing the songs and rehearsing our skit on **Wednesday, October 1st**. If you're not available on Wednesday nights but want to participate, contact Kara and plan to attend our Sunday afternoon rehearsals.



7th & 8th Grade Retreat
7th & 8th Graders please meet here at the church at 6:30pm. For more information ask Kara.



Trunk of Treat is October 26th
Do you have a car trunk to use and want to volunteer for Trunk of Treat? Time to come up with your theme and volunteer a trunk.

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

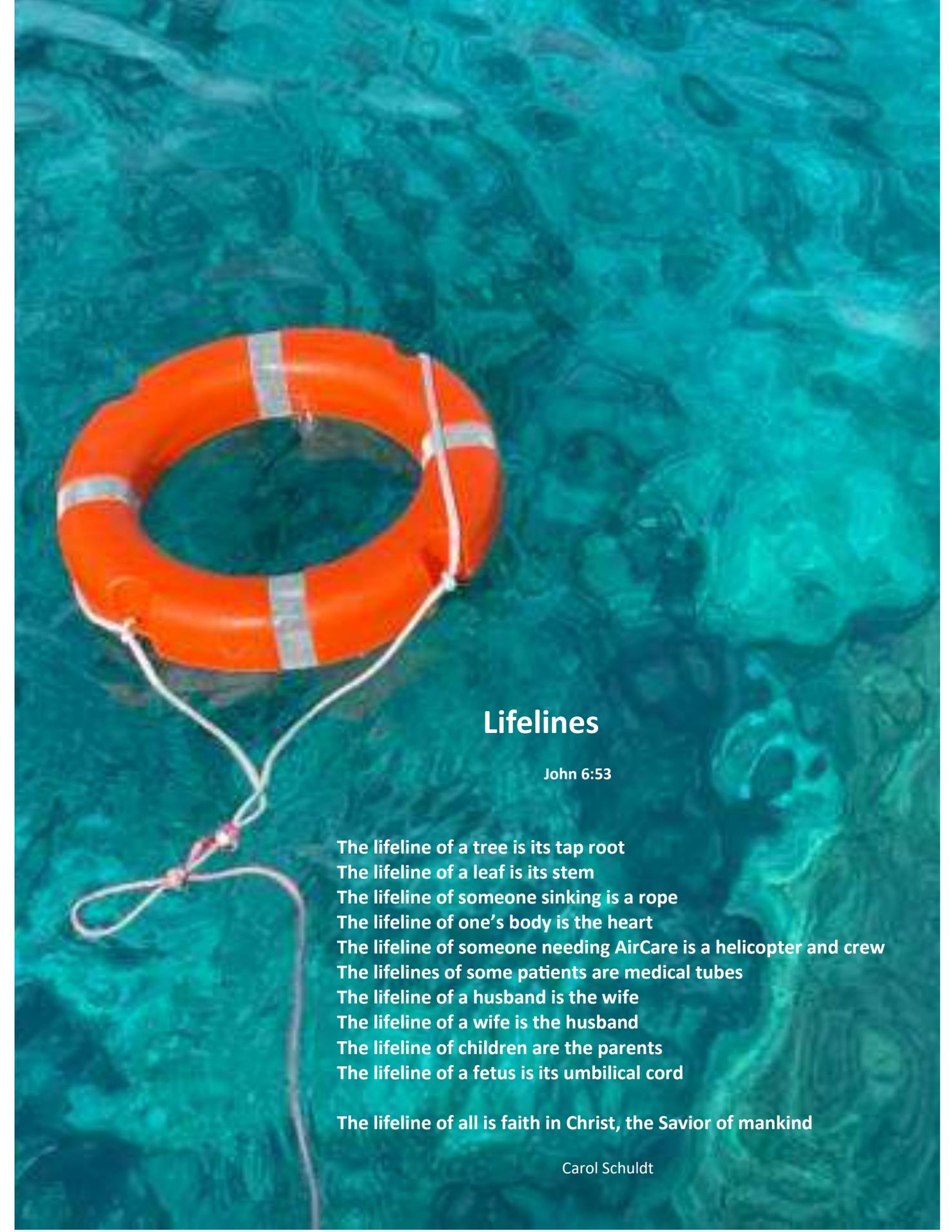
Beacon Newsletter & Church Activities Calendar (printed monthly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) by noon on the 20th of each month.

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.



Lifelines

John 6:53

The lifeline of a tree is its tap root
The lifeline of a leaf is its stem
The lifeline of someone sinking is a rope
The lifeline of one's body is the heart
The lifeline of someone needing AirCare is a helicopter and crew
The lifelines of some patients are medical tubes
The lifeline of a husband is the wife
The lifeline of a wife is the husband
The lifeline of children are the parents
The lifeline of a fetus is its umbilical cord

The lifeline of all is faith in Christ, the Savior of mankind

Carol Schuldt