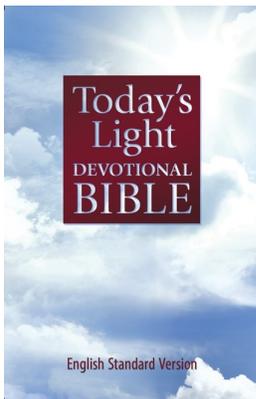




~*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*~

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Read through the Bible in two years



Week 94 Date	
10/13/2025	1 Thessalonians 4:1-18
10/14/2025	1 Thessalonians 5:1-28
10/15/2025	2 Thessalonians 1:1-2
10/16/2025	2 Thessalonians 2:1-3:18
10/17/2025	1 Timothy 1:1-20
10/18/2025	1 Timothy 2:1-15

Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
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



Sunday Coffee & Treats

This Sunday's coffee and pastries are being provided by the Preschool. Come join us in the Gathering Place for a little fellowship before Sunday School and Adult Bible Class.

You're Invited: Potluck Dinner & Meet Special Guests from Eswatini – Oct 21

Dear Friends,

You're warmly invited to a special evening of fellowship and inspiration as we welcome colleagues from Eswatini (Africa): Jessie (RN), Michael Osatuyi, and Rachel Parks (RN, MSN). These dedicated individuals have founded a non-governmental organization, **Palm Grove Initiative**, which is making a meaningful impact in their community. Learn more about their work at palmgroveinitiative.org.

Event Details:

📅 **Date:** Tuesday, October 21

🕒 **Time:** 6:30 – 8:00 PM

📍 **Location:** Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

🍽️ **Potluck Dinner:** Please bring a dish to share! This will be a wonderful opportunity to connect, share a meal, and hear about the inspiring work being done through Palm Grove Initiative. If you have any questions, feel free to contact: **Anita Nicholson** – anita-nicholson@uiowa.edu We hope to see you there!

Prayer of the Church/Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost/October 12, 2025

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 You promise blessing to those who follow in Your way, yet You also call them to carry their crosses. Grant Your peace to those who suffer among us [*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, Jason Freundt, 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), **Ruth Langehough, Dot Langholdt** (friend of Ruth Varney), **Lexi Little, Ben Malcom** (father of Tiffany Roiseland), **Gwen McNatt, 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, 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**

P: 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.**

BIRTHDAYS

October 12	Matthew Brachtel, Vaughn Davisson, Andrew Doll, Lillian Moyer, John Nicholson, Gary Wrede
October 13	Melissa Anderson, Philip Bloesch, Blake Johnson, Diana Kirstein, Val Penney
October 14	Danette Kubit, Arthur Schwarting
October 15	Ruth Beemer, Kathryn Fobain, Micah Hartwig, Melody Strom
October 16	Kari Lopic, Vera Ostrander
October 17	Travis Cole, Kirk Heck, Jessica Nishida, Kenneth Palmer
October 18	James Becker, Cynthia Glandorf, Carol Graves, Brock Kimball

STEWARDSHIP October 4/5, 2025

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 10/4—5:30pm	69	Contributions	\$21,238.10
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 10/5—8:00am	91	Monthly needs for budget	\$71,996.33
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 10/5—10:30am	129		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	289	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	36/54

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, October 12—19, 2025

<u>Sunday, 10/12</u>		<u>Wednesday continued....</u>	
Worship Service	8:00am	Midweek Classes	6:45pm
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Adult Bible Study	7:00pm
Worship Service	10:30am		
		<u>Thursday, 10/16</u>	
Monday, 10/13—OFFICE CLOSED		Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Old Capitol Quilters	6:00pm	Packing for LWR & Lunch	12:00pm
Chamber Singers	6:00pm	Atrium Village	3:30pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Book Club	7:00pm
Outreach Committee	6:30pm	Cross and Entrance	7:00pm
LWML Planning Meeting	7:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
		<u>Friday, 10/17</u>	
Old Capitol Quilters—Workday	8:30am	***	
Connections Committee	6:30pm		
Panama Eyeglass Clinic Meeting	7:00pm	<u>Saturday, 10/18</u>	
Al-Anon	7:00pm	LWR Pickup	
		Worship Service	5:30pm
Wednesday, 10/15		7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat	6:30pm
TOPS	8:00am		
Bible Study	11:00am	<u>Sunday, 10/19</u>	
Lunch Bunch	12:00pm	Worship Service	8:00am
Windmill Manor	2:00pm	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am
Meeting with Loving Arms	5:30pm	Worship Service	10:30am
Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm	Special Voters Meeting	11:45pm
		New Member Brunch	12:00pm



Please send the church office names of people who have died since All Saints Day in 2024 (November) and that you would like to have recognized on November 1/2, along with their date of death and their relation to you. Church members that have died will also go on the list. Please have these to Lorrie at 338-5626 or redeemer@ourredeemer.org by **Monday, October 27**.

BOOK CLUB Thursday Nights, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

October 16, 2025

Session 1: Where Do We Fit Within Creation?

November 20, 2025

Session 2: How Do We Live Within Creation?

As Christians, we know who we are in relation to the wider creation: God created us to care for the earth as creatures among fellow creatures. As Christians we now carry out that task in anticipation of the new creation ushered in by the resurrection of Christ. This conviction and hope enable us to be proactive instead of reactive in our care of creation, regardless of the ecological crisis that might be on the horizon.

For more information on getting the book to participate, please call or email the Church Office.



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

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

Informed Choices Banquet

I (Cynthia) have been in touch with Cameron Snow who will be the speaker at the November LWML meeting. She has invited whoever is interested to come to the Informed Choices Banquet on Tuesday evening, November 11. If interested, please contact Cynthia Fruendt at 319-855-8891 (text) or dcfruentd@icloud.com.

SOCKTOBER

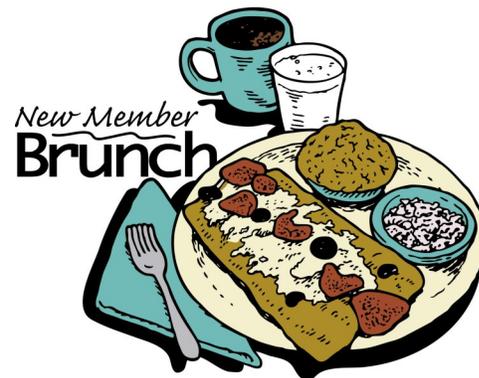
Warm toes = warm hearts



Our Redeemer Human Care Committee will again be sponsoring a month long Socktober **running the month of October**. So why SOCKTOBER? Because every night in the United States an estimated 600,000 people live on the streets and need simple things, like socks, to help get them thru the night. Plus, the NUMBER 1 needed clothing items for those in need is new socks, but people rarely ever donate new socks to the homeless! New socks are like gold to them. For people without permanent housing feet work overtime when there isn't a warm home to return to each night. Our committee is working in partnership with the Iowa City Homeless Shelter to collect socks. We are asking the congregation to donate NEW crew socks. Socks with reinforced toes are the best, but any new socks are appreciated, adult or children. Please place your donations in the SOCKTOBER box/basket in the narthex. If you prefer to give a monetary gift rather than socks, we'd be happy to shop for you! If this is your wish just make your check out to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church with Socktober in the memo line and place it in the offering plate. We are, also, still taking donations for brand new packs of underwear for men, women, and children. We request that you please contribute new items only. Thank you for your help.

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.



LWML Meeting on October 20, 2025 at 7 PM
Topic: Crowded Closet
What is Crowded Closet?--Come and hear Bill and Beth Benson tell about this mission oriented resale shop.
Devotion given by Carol Zimmermann
Hostesses : Marilyn Albright and Beth Hargens



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

SIGNUP OPPORTUNITES NOW AVAILABLE

The Coffee and Treats signup and the Flowers for the Altar signup sheet are now out. The Coffee and Treats signup sheet is located on the Gathering Place counter and you can see what dates are available to provide coffee and treats in between 8:00am service and Sunday School/Adult Bible Class. If you would like the opportunity to signup for flowers on the altar the signup sheet is located on the bulletin board by the bathrooms.

ORLC LWML NEWS

NO. 2025

LWML FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

SPECIAL EDITION

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

ORLC LWML seeks specific items to complete school kits for Lutheran World Relief!

Here is a list of the needed items:

Black or
Blue
Ball Point
Pens



Erasers



Pencil Sharpeners

LOOKING A FOURTH OF JULY PARADE FLOAT COORDINATOR

The Outreach Committee is looking for someone or a team to take the lead for Our Redeemer's 4th of July float for the Coralville parade. Do you have ideas for decorating a float to share the Good News of Jesus? Do you have the skills to organize a project? Do you have the ability to bring people together to work on a project? Then this opportunity might be just the thing for you. If you would like more information about this opportunity, please contact a member of the Outreach Committee—Arlan Thompson, Skip Kempnich, Marilyn Kempnich, Donna Saehler, Melody Strom, Carol Holman, or Judy Schwartz. Is this where God wants you to serve Him? Thank you for praying about this.

LOOKING FOR TRUNK VOLUNTEERS!!

We are looking for Trunk or Treat volunteers to volunteer to set their trunks and join in the fun for children. We are also seeking candy donations. If you would like to volunteer a trunk please sign up at the Welcome Counter. Make sure to include what the theme of your trunk is. If you would like to donate candy it can be dropped off at the Church Office during regular hours of operation.

Sunday, October 26, 4:00pm



It's a Party and You're Invited!

Invite friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family to join you for Trivia Challenge. Bring an appetizer to share and join the party. Young and old are welcome to participate.

When: **Saturday, November 1st after the 5:30** worship service
Where: Fellowship Hall, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Who: You, Friends, Neighbors, Co-workers, Family

Call or email the church office to sign-up or sign up on the chart in the narthex.



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.





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)
- Online at lutheranhour.org
- **Connected by LHM** app
- Spotify, iHeartRadio, TuneIn, and Apple Podcasts
- Ask Alexa or Google to "Play The Lutheran Hour"
- Podcast subscription
- Receive transcripts by email
- Listen by phone or speakerphone
(Dial **855-JOHN-316**. Select option 3.)

Visit lutheranhour.org for 25 years of archives, including Reflections and Q&A segments. You'll also find historic broadcasts by Dr. Walter A. Maier and other past Speakers. ♦

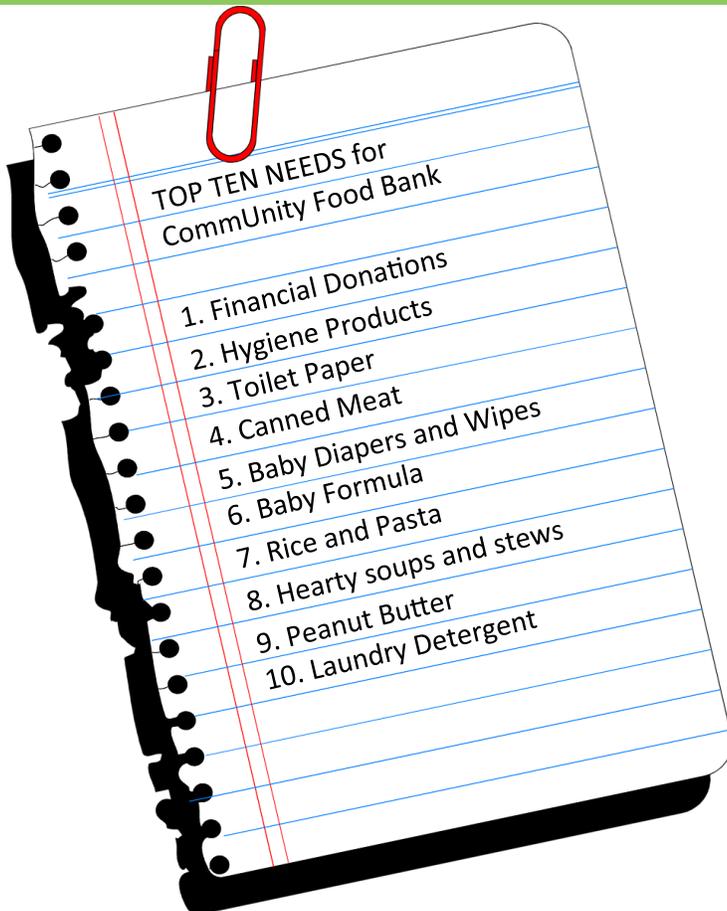
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YOUR NEXT STEPS WITH LHM

SHARE Help a friend in their *Journey Through Anxiety*. lhm.org/learn

CONNECT Read the *Discover Your Gifts Workbook*. See [reply form](#).

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



Donation bin located in Narthex by the Welcome Counter

Please consider picking up extra items as you are shopping to donate to the CommUnity Crisis Center.

Preschool Newsletter

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

October 6—10, 2025

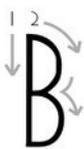
Director/Teacher: Kaja Mueller M-F
Preschool Phone: 319-338-3949 Fax: 319-338-9171

Assistants: Christie Cherian M/W/F, Sara Cross T/TH
www.ourredeemerpreschoolic.org preschool@ourredeemer.org

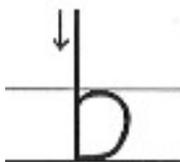


This Week

- “Going on a Bear Hunt” song
- Bear books
- Classroom expectations
- Color song orange
- Craft: Paint a pumpkin
- Daily line leader book choice
- Free-style painting
- Fire Drill
- Jesus Time: The Tower of Babel
- Letter B button—optional
- Letter Bb - recognize, write, sound
- Letter B—recognize, write, and make the sound
- Math equation
- Opposite books
- Opposites
- Pumpkin playdough cutters
- Pumpkins on Science table
- Spell names
- Various building blocks



Big line
Little curve
Little curve



TEACHER TIME

- Letter Bb worksheet
- Paint a pumpkin

Assessments will be taking place this month. We want to see what each student knows and what we get to work on with them.

At Home Question

What would you like to build? Why?

Next Week's Snack

You get to bring snacks and be our line leader.
M/W/F = 14 students; T/TH = 12 students

- Monday: Elsie
- Tuesday: Calvin
- Wednesday: Evelyn
- Thursday: Given
- Friday: Emma



You only need to bring 2 healthy food groups for snack of the 5 presented in our Credible Food List packet. **Half a gallon of a drink is all we really use in class.** Thanks for the snack. All those staying for lunch remember the 5 food groups.

Story Time on Tuesday

Last week for Tuesday's story time, we were able to have two of Mrs. Kaja's friends come in to visit, Mrs. Suzie and Mr. Bill. They are retired Kindergarten and Preschool teachers. They love to volunteer and spend time with kids. They always make story time creative and fun!

Bb (To Ninety-Nine Bottles)

Bubba's best buddy was Bingo the Bear. Bubba was Bingo's best friend. They both lived together on Blueberry Lane, picking big berries in sun and in rain.



Dates Coming Up

- October 14&15—Scholastic Book Orders due.
- October 21—No Preschool
- October 30&31—Costume Days
- November 4—No Preschool
- November 19—Conferences, No Preschool
- November 24 & 25—Fall program at 11:50 am

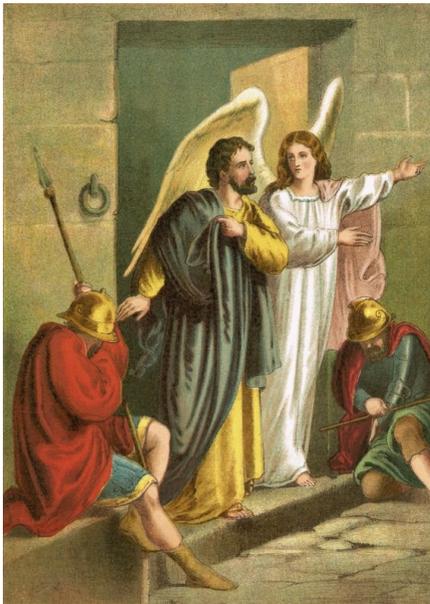


Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade



Sunday School
Sunday, October 12th
9:20 am — 10:05 am



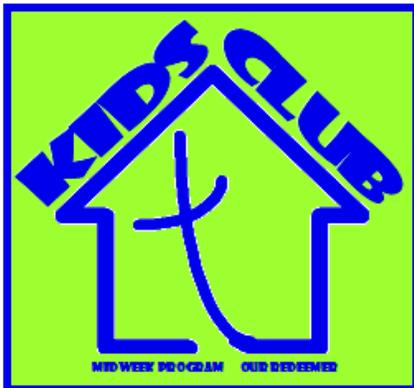
**Lesson: A Jail Bail—
Peter Escapes Prison**
Acts 12



Toddlin' to Jesus
Room 215 (Toddlin' Room)
Join us at 9:20 am on Sunday mornings.

Parents and their children ages birth to age 2 are invited to participate. You will meet with other parents and children for a toddler-friendly Bible lesson, music and prayer.

It's a casual and relaxed environment balanced with activities and playtime.



Kids Club
4 years old—5th Grade

Wednesday, October 15
Lesson: Trinity
Teachers: Jonie & Kaja



Youth

6th —12th Grade

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

Confirmation Classes

Wednesday, October 15th at 6:45 pm

6th Grade—Small Group
Abraham



7th Grade—Lecture
The Ten Commandments
Fourth through Sixth
Commandments



8th Grade—Lecture
Office of the Keys



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, October 13th
COLUMBUS DAY
Office Closed

Saturday, October 18th
7th & 8th GRADE
CONFIRMATION RETREAT
6:30 pm See Kara for details



Sunday, October 26th

TRUNK OR TREAT
South Parking Lot
4:00 pm—5:00 pm



Are you going to volunteer to do a trunk?
This makes for an excellent outreach
opportunity. For Youth and Youth Families.

Saturday, November 1st
TRIVIA CHALLENGE
Fellowship Hall
6:45 pm—9:00 pm



Let's get a team together!



Sunday School
Sunday, October 12th
9:20 am —10:05 am



**Lesson: A Jail Bail—
Peter Escapes Prison**
Acts 12

**Rehearsals for Youth
Worship Weekend**
November 15th—16th



Once a year, the Confirmation and High School Youth help with all three worship services as part of Youth Worship Weekend.

Each group helps with a different aspect of the worship service.

Confirmation Youth: Greeters and ushers
High School Youth: Youth Praise Team member (sing or play an instrument), Bible lesson readers, and/or skit actors.

Watch future Reflections for rehearsal dates and times from Kara.

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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.