



~*Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany*~

Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
February 8	Genesis 12:1-9	A Call to Action—Abram
February 15	Genesis 28:10-22	A Promising Dream—Jacob
February 22	Genesis 37; 45:1-10	Hope in Hardship—Joseph



Building Healthy Families: As you find ways to share your love with family members and your special someone on Valentine’s Day this week, remember to also spend some time with your Perfect True Love. God is love (1 John 4:16). God is the author of love (1 John 4:8). His perfect love casts out all fear (1 John 4:18). He demonstrated his unconditional love by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to sacrifice His life for you (Romans 5:8). Now THAT is true love! Know that LFS counselors are available to help you or someone you know through a difficult personal or relationship challenge. Call us – it’s why we’re here! Learn more at: www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service**

Come and claim your items!

We have quite a few items in lost and found that are missing their owners. Please pick them up from the table in the narthex by **February 8**. Anything left after that will be donated or discarded.

Also, the unclaimed kitchenware from the kitchen have been brought up and placed on the table in the narthex.



SPREAD THE LOVE PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY CAMPAIGN FOR CommUnity FOOD BANK IS BACK!!

The Human Care Committee will once again collect peanut butter and jelly for the annual “Spread The Love” campaign for the month of February. Please bring your donations and place them in the box provided in the Narthex.

Peanut butter is a great item to donate to the Food Bank—it’s relatively affordable and a good source of protein and other important nutrients to help those in need. Plus, peanut butter is a favorite for many families—especially if you throw in some jelly. **The campaign goes from February 1—through March 1, 2026**

Prayer of the Church/Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany/February 8, 2026

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), **John Enokian** (brother of Chuck Enokian), **Mary Helen Gibson** (sister of Gwen McNatt Enokian), **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), **Ben Malcom** (father of Tiffany Roiseland), **Jane Marshall** (mom of Erin Dyson), **Craig Michel** (Denise Schwarting's step-dad), **Laura Miller** (Linda Bonefeld's mother), **Norma Miller** (Twyla Freeman's aunt), **Jane Mills** (aunt of Rob Ghabel), **Merri Mullane, Julie Pratt-Mullenkamp** (Cousin of Ruth Varney), **Erin Nielsen** (cousin of Crissy Pence), **Faith Pederson, Ed Pederson, Beverly Prem, Faith Quinlan, Ben Rollins** (Lorrie Bailey's cousin), **Carol Schuldt, George Schuldt, Amy Schulte** (Crissy Pences's sister), **Lee Schwarting** (Art Schwarting's mother), **Stanley Seese** (friend of Harold Warner), **Carol Simpson** (mother of Kara Hartwig), **Marlene Thompson, Natalie Ullrich** (Jeff Kucera's cousin), **Reece Ullerich, Don Warner** (Harold Warner's brother), **Harold Warner, Mark Wilson, and Garry Wilcox** (Melissa Mullane's dad), let us pray to the Lord.

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.**

VOLUNTEER
to usher
during Lent



LENT IS FAST APPROACHING

Wednesday, February 18 will be Ash Wednesday and ushers will be needed for extra services during the season of Lent—Ash Wednesday, Wednesday Lenten services, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. Ushers, please sign up at the Welcome Center for services for which you are able to assist.

BIRTHDAYS

February 8 Rodney Anderson, Ryan Bruckman, Sandra Jacobs, Heather Krogh, JoAnne Schmid
 February 9 Ellen Segar, Stephanie Servantez
 February 10 Drew Boysen, Liam Boyum, Lily Weis
 February 11 Kelby Heck, Melody McDowell, Dianna Reuter
 February 12 William Alt, David Freundt
 February 13 James Eick, Amy Eldridge, Daniel Hopp, Jonie Murken, Beau Nelson
 February 14 Cori Cole, Howard Hintze, Krista Jiroutek, Connie Klett, Carol Rathke

STEWARDSHIP January 31/February 1, 2026

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 01/31—5:30pm	44	Contributions	\$11,493.88
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 02/01—8:00am	64	Monthly needs for budget	\$75,311.84
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 01/01—10:30am	135		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	243	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	40/53

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church February 8—15, 2026

<u>Sunday, 02/08</u>		<u>Wednesday continued...</u>	
Worship Service	8:00am	Adult Bible Study	7:00pm
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am		
Worship Service	10:30am	<u>Thursday, 02/12</u>	
Voters' Meeting	11:45am	Preschool Valentine's Party	7:00am
		Comfort Tiers	9:00am
<u>Monday, 02/09</u>		Lantern Park	9:00am
Old Capitol Quilters—Workday	8:30am	Briarwood	4:00pm
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Chamber Singers—Small Group	7:00pm
North Star meeting	2:30pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm		
Chamber Singers	6:00pm	<u>Friday, 02/13</u>	
Outreach Committee	6:30pm	***	
<u>Tuesday, 02/10</u>		<u>Saturday, 02/14</u>	
Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30pm	Men's Bible Study	8:00am
Connections Committee	6:30pm	Worship Service	5:30pm
Al-Anon	7:00pm		
		<u>Sunday, 02/15</u>	
<u>Wednesday, 02/11</u>		Worship Service	8:00am
Preschool Valentine's Party	7:00am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am
TOPS	8:00am	Worship Service	10:30am
Properties Committee	5:30pm	Trivia Challenge	12:00pm
Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm	The Chosen (Season5)	6:00pm
Midweek Classes	6:45pm		

BEVERLY PREM UPDATE

Beverly is currently in a rehabilitation center following falls that resulted in a new back injury. When she leaves that center, she will be moving to a memory care facility. The best way to contact her would be to send mail to her son's address. Clyde's address is: 14542 Hardy Street
 Overland Park, KS 66223

This Weekend--Kickoff Sunday!!

**KICK
OFF
MEETING**

**Not Super Bowl, but just as exciting!
Be there to kickoff our
Ministry Expansion Project!**

The **Kickoff Meeting** (not your normal *Voters' Meeting*) that **follows the 10:30 am worship service this Sunday, February 8**, will start with a lunch provided for everyone in the Fellowship Hall. This event will be devoted to sharing the vision for our upcoming building project and answering questions about the needs, changes, and costs.

Come, share the vision and learn more about the coming renovations to the cross and entrances, as well as what a ministry expansion campaign entails.

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: **Sunday, February 15th after the 10:30am** worship service
Where: Fellowship Hall, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Who: You, Friends, Neighbors, Co-workers, Family



Sign up on the chart in the narthex.



The Property Committee is looking for additional members to assist with many projects - repairs, keep buildings, grounds, and equipment in working order. Some of our key duties include:

- Working with other committee members focusing on upkeep, repairs and general maintenance of buildings, facilities, and grounds of church properties, ensuring they are safe, functional, and well-maintained.
- Helping fix everything from a leaky faucet to replacing a furnace filter, touch-up paint and more.
- Knowing the tools of the trade, a star member is reliable, collaborative and takes pride in their work and our church.
- Attending monthly meetings. It's our responsibility to keep the lights on —and sometimes that means literally.

If you have any questions you can contact Dave Yansky, Chairman of the Property Committee.



**Mark your calendars Monday,
February 16 at 7:00 pm**



It's Bunco Night!! The LWML invites all the women of Our Redeemer to an evening of fun, laughs and fellowship. Tiffany Roiseland will lead us in a lively game of Bunco.

Devotions: Marge Lemke
Hostesses: Kathy Folkman
Marlyce Hollis

LWML members consider volunteering for nominating committee for president and secretary.



**TASTING BEE
MISSION FUNDRAISER**

Saturday, April 25
11:00 am

LWML sponsors this event to raise funds for missions. Table decorators/hosts beautify the Fellowship Hall and recipes are furnished to be sampled and for the cookbook. Although LWML sponsors the event, to make this a success, we need congregational members to provide recipes or use their talents to decorate and host a table, as well as purchase tickets for the event itself.

Now is the time to find the recipe you want to submit and make for the Tasting Bee because signup starts on February 21/22. We ask volunteers to submit a recipe by April 13 to be included in the cookbook we compile and print to be handed out to those attending the Tasting Bee. When you sign up and submit your recipe, you are agreeing to make the recipe for 185 bites. A teaspoon is a TASTE. Anything else is a helping.

You can also participate by signing up to decorate a table according to the theme. A round table seats 8. A rectangle table seats 10. This year's theme is "Alleluia: Praise the Lord for..."

When you sign up to submit and make a recipe and/or decorate a table it entitles you to purchase 3 tickets for each thing you sign up to do. Tickets are \$12 each — use them, gift them, or sell to your invited friends. You can purchase all tickets you are entitled to or only the amount you need. A waiting list is available to purchase available extra tickets after March 30.

Signup will end March 29. You will be able to purchase your allotted tickets the day you sign up and they must be purchased March 29 or they will go to people on the waiting lists. Recipes need to be sent to Sandy Wagner at packratsandy@yahoo.com by April 13, putting "RECIPE" in subject heading. Make sure you sign up early so you don't miss out on this fun fundraiser. Feel free to ask questions when signing up. You may also contact any of the people below with questions . Thanks in advance.

TASTING BEE CHAIRS	
Cynthia Freundt	dcfreundt@icloud.com
Donna Saehler	dojosaehler9591@gmail.com
Laurel Sellers	klksellers@gmail.com
Laura Stresow	lstresow@gmail.com
Sandy Wagner	packratsandy@yahoo.com

Our Redeemer Lutheran Pancake Day Saturday March 7th



We are continuing to look forward to our annual Pancake Day Fundraiser!

We will be supporting missions both local and abroad with the proceeds from this event.

Volunteers will be needed for set up, serving, and clean up. Please consider donating a few hours of your time to help with this event. Pancake Day volunteer sign-up sheets can be found in the church narthex.



Canada & New England Cruise

Still Available
BOOK NOW



7-DAY CANADA & NEW ENGLAND CIRCLE: NEW BRUNSWICK
Oct 3 - Oct 10, 2026

SHIP: **Zuiderdam** DEPARTS: **Boston, Massachusetts, US** ARRIVES: **Boston, Massachusetts, US**

Join Pastor and Kara Hartwig on a cruise to Canada's dynamic cities and Maine's alluring ports. Halifax's stunning waterfront, Sydney's giant fiddle, and Portland's eclectic boutiques. The beginning of October should be excellent for the changing colors of the New England leaves and the end of the whale watching season. In addition to experiencing all that Holland America has to offer, we will have private group Bible studies and a worship service. Planning to join us is as simple as 1, 2, 3...

Explore Staterooms!

Inside cabin from \$1,469 pp.
Ocean View cabin from \$1,639 pp.
Verandah cabin from \$2,249 pp.



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Prices include all taxes and fees for the cruise.



You can book your own flight, have Pastor help you book, or have Holland America book your flight. Pastor suggests that you arrive in Boston by Thursday, October 1, 2026. The cruise ship will not wait. Pastor is working on a fun excursion for Friday in Boston. Do you want suggestions or help with your hotel before the cruise? Talk to Pastor. The excursion and hotel will be at an extra cost.



Holland America's "Have It All" is an optional premium package that bundles four key amenities—a Shore Excursion credit, a Signature Beverage Package, Specialty Dining, and Wi-Fi—into the cruise fare for significant savings over buying them separately, offering great value for guests who use all perks, though value varies by cruise length and usage.

Please contact Pastor with any questions – You know he LOVES to talk about travel! (319)855-2521
If you are ready to book with Holland America, then call Bernice Harris, Holland America Personal Cruise Consultant at 800-355-3017 ext. 28109. Tell her... Group ID: TP6 Group Name: Orlc, Iowa City

2026-2027 Enrollment Form



Child First Name _____ Middle _____ Last _____

What year in school: Prek 3 OR Prek 4 Sex: Male OR Female Size T-shirt: _____

Birth Date _____ Age as of September 15, _____ years

DAILY SCHEDULE:

7:30am Extended Care Drop off
 9:00am Preschool Starts
 9:30am Learning Centers
 10:30am Snack/Bathroom
 11:00am Outside Recreation
 11:45am Story/Music
 12:00pm Preschool Ends/Pick Up/Lunch
 12:45pm Lunch Ends/Pick Up

OTHER INFORMATION:

- * Our Preschool starts after Labor Day and ends before Memorial Day.
- * Children may enroll throughout the school year as spaces allow.
- * Scholarship information is available upon request.
- * Morning extended care students may be dropped off any time after 7:30am.
- * Lunch extended care students will be picked up at 12:45 pm.
- * Morning snack will be provided by an assigned preschool student.
- * Students staying for lunch will provide their own bag lunch and ice pack to keep food cold.
- * No breakfast will be offered.
- * During winter weather you will be notified if: *(We follow the Iowa City School District)*
 - We are delayed, no preschool, no extended care.
 - We are cancelled, no preschool, no extended care.

CHECK DESIRED PROGRAM:

_____ (M/W/F)	Preschool Program	9:00am-12:00pm	\$256/month
_____ (M/W/F)	Preschool Program with extended care LUNCH time	9:00am-12:45pm	\$336/month
_____ (M/W/F)	Preschool Program with MORNING extended care	7:30am-12:00pm	\$374/month
_____ (M/W/F)	Preschool Program with MORNING e.c. & LUNCH	7:30am-12:45pm	\$456/month
_____ (T/TH)	Preschool Program	9:00am-12:00pm	\$188/month
_____ (T/TH)	Preschool Program with extended care LUNCH time	9:00am-12:45pm	\$240/month
_____ (T/TH)	Preschool Program with MORNING extended care	7:30am-12:00pm	\$269/month
_____ (T/TH)	Preschool Program with MORNING e.c. & LUNCH	7:30am-12:45pm	\$322/month
_____ (5 Day)	Preschool Program	9:00am-12:00pm	\$423/month
_____ (5 Day)	Preschool Program with extended care LUNCH time	9:00am-12:45pm	\$557/month
_____ (5 Day)	Preschool Program with MORNING extended care	7:30am-12:00pm	\$623/month
_____ (5 Day)	Preschool Program with MORNING e.c. & LUNCH	7:30am-12:45pm	\$756/month

Financial scholarships are available for Preschool, not for extended care or lunch expenses. Scholarships are considered at each of these deadlines and are available while scholarship funds remain: March 1, May 1, August 1.

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Best Phone Number _____

Best Email _____

Our Redeemer Preschool admits children of any race, color, nationality or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities of the Preschool. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, nationality or ethnic origin in administration of the educational or admission policies. Our curriculum is Christian-based.

Please mail your completed form along with the **\$50 non-refundable** registration fee made payable to:

Our Redeemer Preschool
 2301 E. Court Street
 Iowa City, IA 52245

Upon receipt of the Enrollment Form and fee, your child's spot will be reserved. An enrollment packet will be sent to you containing all additional paperwork to be completed. Thank you for enrolling your child with Our Redeemer Preschool.

Updated: 1/2025

Preschool Newsletter

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

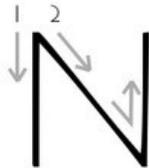
February 2—6, 2026

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.ourredeemerpreschool.org preschool@ourredeemer.org

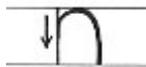


This Week

- Assessment questions
- Bible Lesson—Jesus Feeds the 5,000
- Classroom rules
- Color pink
- February hallway heart
- Letter Nn books
- Letter Nn—recognize, write, and make the sound
- Line leader story
- Math equation
- Valentines books
- Valentines free style crafts



Big line
Big line
Big line



Dates

- February 11/12—Valentines Party in class
- February 17 & March 4 —No School
- March 16-20—No School Spring Break
- April 1/2—Parent Teacher Conferences after school
- April 3—No School
- April 22/23— Donuts with Grown-Ups & Spring Program
- April 24 – No Preschool
- May 1 – Pizza & Playground Night
- May 21/22—Last Days of School Celebration and Graduation



Home Question

Can you find the color pink in your house?

Next Week's Snack

You get to bring snacks and be our line leader.
M/W/F = 15 students; T/TH = 13 students

- Monday: Calvin
- Tuesday: Given
- Wednesday: Cata
- Thursday: Ava
- Friday: Iven



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.



Happy 4 ^{1/2} birthday, Norah!

Nn (To The Old Grey Mare)

Nathaniel had a naughty little nanny goat, who never ate a single oat, just nibbled on his overcoat. Nathaniel had a naughty little nanny goat, her name was Nannabelle.



Preschool Sings

Preschool has been asked to sing for a Lenten worship service at **6:10pm Wednesday, March 11th**. This is optional. Have your preschooler wear their blue preschool t-shirt that night.

A free will dinner will be available from 5:00pm on the 8th until 6:00pm.

- Arrive at 5:50pm upstairs, just outside the sanctuary.
- We will meet as a class and practice.
- Parents please sit in the sanctuary and teachers will walk up with the kids when it is time.
- Stay with us for worship if you would like. Worship lasts only 45 minutes.
- Please let Mrs. Kaja know if you will or will not attend





Children's Ministry

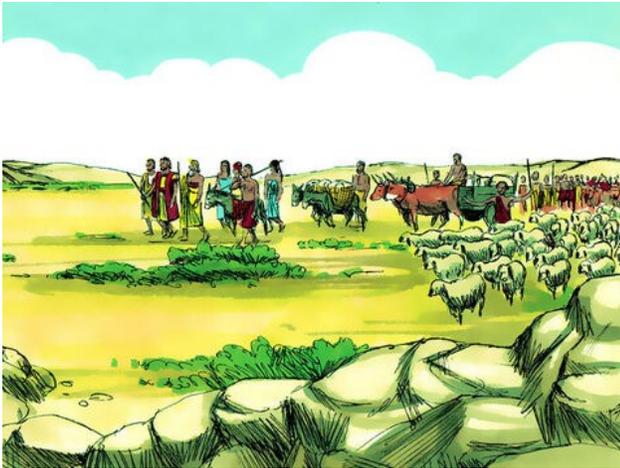
Birth—5th Grade



Sunday School

Sunday, February 8th

9:20am



**A Call to Action—Abram
Genesis 12:1-9**

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.



**February 18th
Lesson: "No Classes"**

Kids Club



**ASH WEDNESDAY
NO CLASSES
SERVICE AT 7:00pm**

Youth

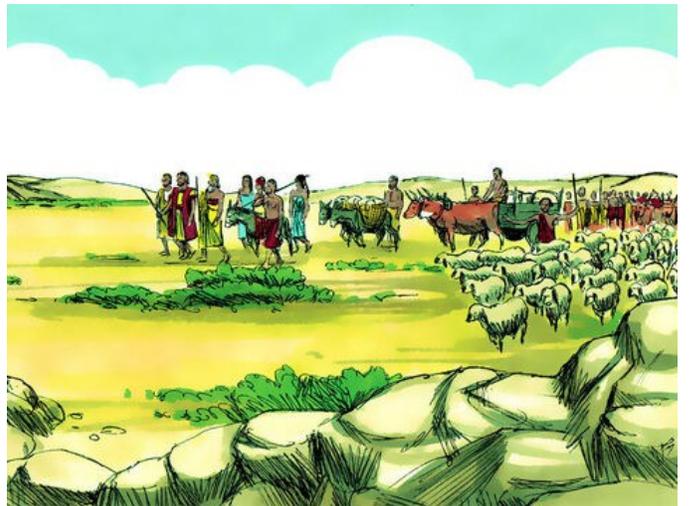
6th —12th Grade

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

**FEBRUARY 18
ASH WEDNESDAY
NO CLASSES
SERVICE AT 7:00pm**



Sunday School
Sunday, February 8th
9:20am



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Genesis 12:1-9**



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Sign up on the chart in the narthex.

LET GET A TEAM TOGETHER! BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

Office: 338-5626 Fax: 338-9171 Website: <http://www.ourredeemer.org> Preschool: 338-3949
 Prayer Chain: 351-5297 or prayerchain@ourredeemer.org Special Announcements Line: 338-3505

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2026 Board of Directors

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	Jim Tiedemann	319-341-3400
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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.