



The Parish Beacon

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May 2026

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ –

There is a parable told in India about the selfish man who inherited a rice field. The first year the man irrigated the field, and it was fruitful. The water, in fact, flowed into his neighbor's field, and this too produced a bountiful harvest.

But the next year, the selfish man decided: Why should I let this water flow through my field into his? Water is precious, and I must keep it. So he built a dam. This prevented the water from flowing into his neighbor's field, but it proved disastrous to his own crop as well. Irrigation water nourished the field only if it flowed. When it did not move because of the dam, the water became stagnant and the field a swamp.

We own no rice fields. Still, the parable is clear. Think of what we have inherited from God. Think of all He has given us. If we are selfish and keep it all for ourselves, our lives become stagnant, a dismal swamp of mere existence. ***But if we give back to God by giving to others, both the giver and the receiver share in the fruits of God's love.***

I see clear examples of this principle here at Our Redeemer.

First is the Vicarage program. From the north to the south, from the east to the west, we have men serving as pastors who once did their Vicarage here at Our Redeemer. Twenty-one men have served their Vicarage here at Our Redeemer, and I am blessed to be counted among that fraternity. You, the members of Our Redeemer, have been able to give to others, our Vicars, and now they are sharing the fruit of God's love with others across this country. What a joy it is to be part of the Vicarage program.

Second is this facility we call Our Redeemer. This facility saw major updates in the mid-90s and the mid-teens. Yet again, we are embarking upon facility updates. Now, "decades-old dreams meet present-day needs to become a new reality" with this Cross and Entrance project. For 18 years, we have talked about adding canopies to the exterior entrances, even a second door at each entrance. During the 1996 project, awnings were removed to save money, and the same thing happened in the 2016 project. This is what we mean by an old dream becoming a present reality.

Third is our relationship with the Lutheran Churches of Panama and the Parish Nurses of eSwatini. As I have said before, this congregation has taught me to love missions. What joy it is to bring our resources to help! What bliss is it to bring encouragement to so many who are toiling day in and day out! This is what we get to do when we share our resources with these two very different geographical locations.

It is important that we remember:

***If we give back to God by giving to others,
both the giver and the receiver share in the fruits of God's love.***

May God continue to richly bless you!

Pastor Hartwig

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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 the "Enter His Courts" Ministry Expansion Campaign that God would teach us stewardship and this campaign allow the cross and entrance project to move forward, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have Mercy**

P: For the group traveling to Eswatini in June, Lord help their preparations, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For the Panamanian Lutheran Church of El Redentor, Balboa, Dos es Grande, Loma Cova, Castillo Fuerte, Los Andes, and La Chorrera Mission Church that God would continue to grow His kingdom and His church, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have Mercy**

P: For the 8th grade Confirmands who are being confirmed this weekend: **Jacob Lothamer, Greyson Naraine, Jackson Nemitz, Lorelei Rex, and Jady Waring**. Strengthen them in your faith unto life everlasting, 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), **Hank Diggelmann, John Enokian** (brother of Chuck Enokian), **Dean Hargens, 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 Langedough, Dot Langholdt** (friend of Ruth Varney), **Ben Malcom** (father of Tiffany Roiseland), **Craig Michel** (Denise Schwarting's step-dad), **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), **Faith Pederson, Ed Pederson, Beverly Prem, Ben Rollins** (Lorrie Bailey's cousin), **Carol Schuldt, George Schuldt, Lee Schwarting** (Art Schwarting's mother), **Stanley Seese** (friend of Harold Warner), **Carol Simpson** (mother of Kara Hartwig), **Arlan Thompson, Marlene Thompson, Natalie Ullrich** (Jeff Kucera's cousin), **Reece Ullerich, Don Warner** (Harold Warner's brother), **Harold Warner, Garry Wilcox** (Melissa Mullane's dad), and **Verla Williams**, 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.**

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sun 04/26	Worship Service 8:00am Worship Service 10:30am (Confirmation) Chamber Singers—Rehearsal 2:30pm District 13 Meeting 2:30pm Leadership Commitment Event 5:30pm
Mon 04/27	Staff Meeting 1:00pm Chamber Singers 6:00pm Sunlight AA Group 6:00pm
Tues 04/28	SM-Small Group/Skip 6:00pm CALL DAY SM-Large Group/Marcia 6:45pm Al-Anon 7:00pm
Wed 04/29	TOPS 8:00am
Thurs 04/30	Comfort Tiers 9:00am Al-Anon Birthdays 7:30pm
Fri 05/01	Preschool Playground & Pizza 4:00pm
Sat 05/02	Jane Marshall—Visitation 9:00am Jane Marshall—Funeral 11:00am Jane Marshall—Luncheon 12:00pm Worship Service 5:30pm
Sun 05/03	Worship Service 8:00am Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 9:20am Worship Service 10:30am



Today's (April 26) coffee and treats are joyfully provided by the Youth Committee. Free will offering will go towards the youth.

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: May 2, 3, 16, 17, 30, 31

**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

**Praise Team Practice schedule varies—
Contact Myrl Holida: myrl-holida@uiowa.edu or
Louise Klopp: choirdirector@ourredeemer.org**

UPCOMING EVENTS
Watch Reflections for more details

CALL DAY - ST. LOUIS
 Tuesday, April 28, 3:00pm
 For vicarage assignments
 &
 Former Vicar Tyler Simmons
 Call as pastor is at 7:00pm



Pizza and Playground
 Friday, May 1, 4:00pm



Preschool Open House
 May 6, 6:00pm—7:00pm



May 6
 Bible Class 11:00am
 Lunch 12:00pm
 Fellowship Hall



Noisy Offering
 May 9/10
 All three services

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY
MAY 10
 At 9:20am everyone will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a special celebration



"Come on down! You may be the next contestant on the Bible is Right!"
Sunday, May 10, 9:20am
 Fellowship Hall



May 10



Grad Breakfast
 May 17, 9:15am
 Fellowship Hall

LWML Ladies Night Out
 May 18, 6:00pm
 Parking Lot



May 20
 Bible Class 11:00am
 Lunch 12:00pm
 Fellowship Hall



Last Days of PRESCHOOL
 May 21/22



Memorial Day
 May 25
 Office Closed

Birthdays

April 26	Glorine Berry, Luke Young
April 27	Louise Klopp, Erica Watkinson
April 28	Kelli Bruckman, Darrick Eldridge, Samuel Gienapp, Elisabeth Hottel, Jessi Kucera, Aaron Mueller, Samantha Nelson
April 29	Haleigh Jones, Curtis McBride
April 30	Denise Fesler, Sophie Foster, Erik Jorgensen
May 1	Drake Obermueller, Abbie Schmidt, Tom Strumpel
May 2	Karen Abernathy, Nathan Clack, Donald Klemp, Brian Lake, Lynda Miller, Joseph Penney, Faith Quinlan, Scott Rathke, Timothy Schultz

Stewardship—April 18/19

ATTENDANCE		TREASURES	
Sat. 4/18 In Person 5:30pm	48	Contributions	\$16,936.66
Sun. 4/19 In Person 8:00am	83	Monthly needs for budget	\$71,996.33
Sun. 4/19 In Person 10:30am	104		
TOTAL WEEKEND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	235	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	36/na

<u>Death(s)</u>	
Charles Trimpe (delay in notification)	12-11-2025
Dennis Huedepohl	04-12-2026
Kenneth Sandersfeld	04-12-2026
<u>Adult Confirmation(s)</u>	
Isaiah Smith	04-12-2026
Anna Smith	04-12-2026
Curtis Patterson	04-12-2026
Brigida Rex	04-12-2026
Jonathan Rex	04-12-2026
<u>Student Confirmation(s)</u>	
Jacob Lothamer	04-26-2026
Greyson Naraine	04-26-2026
Jackson Nemitz	04-26-2026
Lorelei Rex	04-26-2026
Jadyn Waring	04-26-2026
<u>Removed</u>	
Megan Jerrod	04-12-2026
Laurel Pries, Daniel & Sarah Juhl	04-13-2026
Garry, Michelle, Malinda & Melissa Wade	04-13-2026
Jonathan Schultz	04-22-2026

Membership Changes and Official Acts

Enter His Courts Everything You Need to Know...



Please see the link below for information regarding the Enter His Courts Ministry Expansion Campaign. There will be opportunities to bring your commitment card forward during all services on May 2 and 3. Thank you for your prayers and thoughtful consideration in support of this important ministry.

[Enter His Courts Ministry Expansion Campaign prepare now to commit | Our Redeemer Lutheran Church](#)

For all those who have RSVP'd to the Leadership Commitment Event on April 26, we look forward to sharing this special event with you.

Ministry Expansion Campaign Team

Executive Team

Pastor Staff	Pastor Hartwig (also our ministry solutions consultant), Vicar Vought
Campaign Director	Susan Scott
Campaign Manager	Kevin Rauch
Communications Managers	Cynthia Freundt, Laurel Sellers

Connections Coordinator	Diane Burke
Prayer Coordinator	Pam Wilson
Visitation Team	Bill Benson, Bruce Maurer
Hospitality Coordinator	Krista Jiroutek
Hospitality Team	Julie Nieland, Tracy Nelson, John Nelson, Steve Scott
Children's Leader	Tiffany Roiseland
Youth Leader	Art Schwarting, Denise Schwarting
Preschool Leader	Kristin Weis

A HUGE thank you to the amazing crew that arrived for the church spring clean-up. With willing hands much of the work was accomplished in short order. Your efforts ensure that the church grounds and different storage rooms are clean, welcoming, organized and safe. We appreciated the time and energy you've invested in helping

A special thank you to Marilyn Albright for the yummy cookies!

Marilyn Albright
Dave Freundt
Pam Folkmann-Huss
Kevin Rauch & Marcia Hulse
John Mentink
Kevin Roiseland

Henry & Linda Diggelmann
Rick & Barb Gienapp
Brenda Johnson
Eric Kooker
Dave Yansky & Diane Burke
Louise Klopp



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Around the globe, Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) is proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ using a variety of culturally appropriate venues and media.

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Help to assist this important ministry with your prayers, your time and your financial support.

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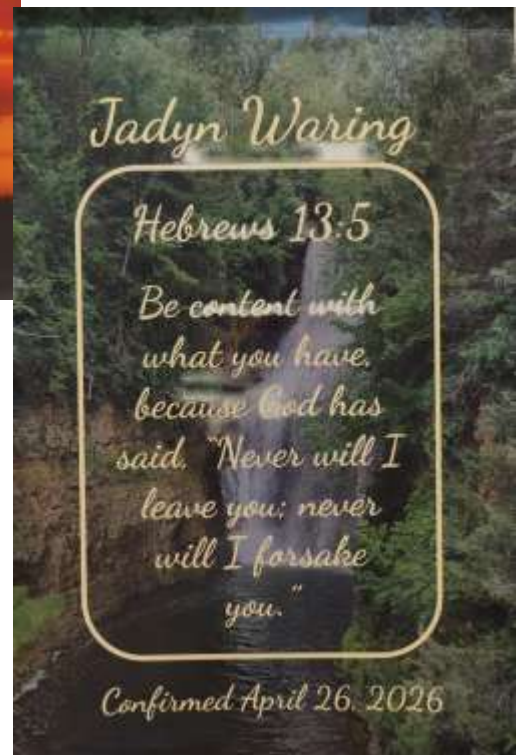
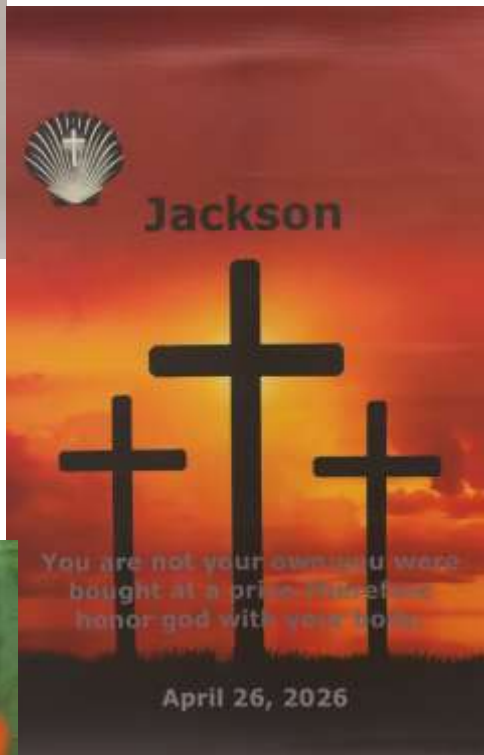


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CONFIRMATION 2026

**Jacob Lothamer
Greyson Naraine
Jackson Nemitz
Lorelei Rex
Jadyn Waring**



**Spiritual Growth Event
Wednesday, April 22**

**Confirmation
Sunday, April 26**

Prayer Walk



April 1, 2026



Calling All Ladies of Our Redeemer.

The District LWML (Lutheran Women in Mission) is holding their biennial convention in Iowa City this year and Our Redeemer has been asked to provide hostesses (people that are willing to guide, direct, and otherwise assist convention goers) at the Graduate for two hour shifts on June 12th and 13th. We need more people than our local active group can provide if we want to work only two hour blocks so we would love it if you could spare two hours either or both days. This would be a wonderful opportunity for anyone who would like to see what a local convention is like and/or if you would like to register and spend time at the sessions as well.

Contact Laurel Sellers (319) 331-3242 or Cynthia Fruendt (319) 855-8921 for more information or to schedule a shift. The sign up sheet will be at the Tasting Bee signup table this weekend.

Ladies, you are invited to the LWML Ladies Night Out!

When: Monday, May 18

Time: 6:00pm

Where: Copper Boar American Pub
575 Cameron Way, Unit C
North Liberty, Iowa

Sign up: Please sign up by May 11 for an accurate count for the Pub. Sign up sheet will be on the Welcome Counter by the Narthex

Carpool: For those interested in carpooling meet at church at 5:10pm on May 18 and leave at 5:15pm



VANCANCY REPORT FROM THE LCMS COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS

- Number of Districts Reporting: **35**
- Calling for Sole Pastor: **462**
- Calling for Senior Pastor: **64**
- Calling for Associate Pastor: **78**
- Total Calling Congregations: **604**
- Congregations Being Served Part-time: **692**
- New Starts: **5**
- Congregations Closed Since Last Meeting: **15**

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Board of Directors Minutes
April 9, 2026 ~ 7:00pm

Present: Pastor Hartwig, Vicar Vought, Bruce Maurer, Barb Pronk, Kennedy Donovan, Tim Eick, Dave Yansky, Mary Robinson, Jim Tiedemann

1. Call to order, welcome.
2. Opening Devotions – Pastor Hartwig
3. Bylaws Review – Article VI, sections 1-5
 - Section 1. Regularly Scheduled Meetings
 - Section 2. Special meetings
 - Section 3. Quorum
 - Section 4. Eligibility to Office
 - Section 5. Removal
4. Reviewed and approved minutes from last meeting.
5. Treasurer’s Report – N/A
6. Elder’s Report -
 - Continued prayers for receiving a Vicar or an associate Pastor.
7. At Large Reports –
 - Mary Robinson – Panama presentation on Sunday, April 12th at Bible Class and Eswatini Lunch/Presentation, Sunday, April 12 at 12:00pm
 - Jim Tiedemann – N/A
 - Steve Scott – N/A
8. Church Properties – Dave Yansky
 - Boiler repair has been approved.
 - Contract signed with Johnson Control.
 - Foster Appliance said the ovens were good and working correctly.
 - Roofs were inspected after hail storm and are good.
 - Applied for Environmental Action Grant for \$10,000.
 - April 18th is Work Day for our congregation.
 - Steve Scott and John Mentink have been added to the Church Properties Committee.
9. Staff Reports –
 - Pastor Hartwig –
 1. Confirmation Retreat on April 18th – 20th. There will be key learning objectives with all the fun activities on the trip. 24 youth and 7 adults will be going.
 2. Sunday, April 26th, 5 youth will be confirmed.
 3. The Ministry Expansion Campaign is progressing. A special campaign event will be on April 26th at 5:30pm. All members are invited to attend and can make their commitments at that time. During worship on Sunday, May 3rd, all pledge cards will be brought forward.
 4. A contract has been signed for the Cross and Entrance Project. Iowa City approved.
 5. Workshop will be held on Thursday, May 7th, when we know total amount of commitments to determine loan amount.
 6. Mission Penny Voting starts on Sunday, April 12th. Six weeks of penny voting on missions.
 7. LWML Zone Rally is here on Saturday, April 11th. Pastor Hartwig will be the primary speaker.

- Vicar Vought –
 1. Pancake Day went well. Thankful for all the help plus St. Paul's Chapel members who came to help.
 2. Holy Week and Lent was a busy time.

10. Discussion Items – N/A

11. Kudos –

- Small Group Confirmation Teachers: Art and Denise Schwarting, Melissa Mullane, Crissy Pence, Aaron Mueller.
- Jeff Kucera for time spent working with civil engineers.

12. Prayer and Adjourn: Nest meeting is May 14th at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted, Barb Pronk, B.O.D. Secretary



Vicar Vought takes on the challenge of doing some tie stitches during a session with the Comfort Tiers. When the quilt is completed it goes to Lutheran World Relief.

Beautiful handiwork of the Comfort Tiers. This quilt is presented to Vicar Vought and his wife Keely as a gift.





Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

February 2026

Greetings in Christ from Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca!

"For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."

- Galatians 5:13

Registration is now open for our 2026 Summer Program. This year's theme is **Free to Serve**. Enclosed, you will find two posters. Please hang the posters where they may be seen. Should you need more posters, please contact us, and we will mail them to you.

On the posters, there are two QR Codes. One of the QR Codes is for prospective staff members to scan in order to find out more information about being a counselor at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. The other is for parents to scan and will take them to our website which will provide more information about our Summer Program as well as the link to register online. We have updated our registration process to be completely online. All forms will now be accessible and able to be completed through our registration website. They will no longer be available as printable versions.

For individuals who would like to register for camp for the first time, our *First-Time Camper* Scholarship is a way in which we continually pursue new campers by cutting the cost of their first camp experience. Please refer new and interested families to this tuition discount. Camp scholarship funds are also available to those who need financial assistance. Additionally, your congregation may sponsor campers as they look to attend summer camp. If your congregation would like to financially contribute to your members' camp experience, please contact office@iodiseca.org to find out how we can help facilitate your payment.

Discounts are available to pastors and rostered church workers as well! Additional information on both financial aid and discounts can also be found on our website.

We look forward to having your congregation's youth join us this summer as they enjoy the outdoors, study God's Word, and make unforgettable memories.

Peace in Christ,



Alec Deppe
Director of Programs and Retreats
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



The kids of KIDS CLUB celebrated their last get together of the school year with plenty of fun activities. See you next school year. Watch Beacon and Reflections for the resuming of activities.



Canada & New England Cruise

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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...

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Inside cabin from \$1,469 pp.
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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

Preschool Beacon



Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller Assistants, Christie Cherian M/W/F, Sara Cross T/TH
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Our Redeemer Preschool where children play, learn, and grow in Jesus!

The students got a special visit by some small animals.



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade



Toddlin' to 5th Grade Sundays at 9:20am

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
April 26	2 Samuel 4:4; 9:1-13	The King's Table—Mephibosheth
May 3	1 Kings 11:9-13, 26-40; 12:1-24	A Divided Kingdom—Jeroboam and Rehoboam
May 10	The Bible is Right Sunday—No traditional classes this day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kids will speak/sing at the end of 8:00am worship and the beginning of 10:30am worship. Pastor will teach all ages in the Fellowship Hall during Sunday School time. 	
May 17	Graduation Breakfast all ages gather in the Fellowship Hall—No traditional Sunday School classes.	
May 24	Memorial Day Weekend—No Classes	
May 31	Summer Sunday School Starts	

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



Kids Club will resume in September. Watch future Reflections for details.

Youth

6th - 12th Graders

APRIL 2026

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
5/9	Noisy Offering	
5/10	Noisy Offering The Bible is Right Sunday	Both services 9:15am
5/17	Senior Grad Breakfast	9:20am
5/25	Memorial Day Office Closed	
5/29	ICCSD Senior Last Day	



UKANDU
June 20—27
For more
information
contact
Kara Hartwig

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, April 28th

CALL DAY—St. Louis—Please check out the Concordia Seminary website for more information. 3:00pm to see if we get a vicar and 7:00pm to see where our previous vicar is assigned for his first call as pastor

Sunday, May 10th

THE BIBLE IS RIGHT—
Join us in the Fellowship Hall (all ages) during regular Sunday School time.
NOISY OFFERING—at all three services



Sunday, May 17th

SENIOR GRAD BREAKFAST—Join us in the Fellowship Hall in celebration of our graduating high school students of the class of 2026



Monday, May 25th

MEMORIAL DAY—Office Closed

Friday, May 29th
ICCSD—Seniors
Last Day



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Jordan Lyon	563-506-2321
Brad Mullane	319-936-5826
TJ Ramsey	319-325-3790
Kevin Roiseland (Chairman)	319-230-5247
Chad Waring	319-331-8303

2026 Board of Directors

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Properties	Dave Yansky	319-621-7694
At Large	Mary Robinson	319-400-5572
	Steve Scott	563-889-0990
	Jim Tiedemann	319-341-3400

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.



Alleluia!

Mark 1:10, 11

*God: Father, created all
Alleluia! O Lord, Alleluia!
Cared for all e're since the fall
Alleluia! O Lord, Alleluia!*

*Son of God, my Savior true
Alleluia! O Lord, Alleluia!
Died for all; that's me and you
Alleluia! O Lord, Alleluia!*

*Holy Spirit, with me stay
Alleluia! O Lord, Alleluia!
Comfort me from day to day
Alleluia! O Lord, Alleluia!*

*Trinity of Power Divine
Alleluia! O Lord, Alleluia!
Stay within this heart of mine
Alleluia! O Lord, Alleluia!*

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