



~Fifth Sunday of Easter~

## Sunday School Lessons

Date	Bible Lesson	Scripture
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"> <li>• Kids will speak/sing at the end of 8:00am service and at the beginning of 10:30am service.</li> <li>• Pastor will teach all ages in the Fellowship Hall during Sunday School time.</li> <li>• TEACHERS: Place all your Enduring Faith materials in the Toddlin' Room and Kaja will organize them for Summer Sunday School</li> </ul>	
May 17	Graduation Breakfast all ages in the Fellowship Hall—No traditional Sunday School classes.	
May 24	Memorial Day Weekend—No Classes	
May 31	Summer Sunday School starts	

## Adult Bible Class, 9:20 am in the Fellowship Hall

Date(s)	Topic
May 3	Call Day Theology
May 10	The Bible is Right Celebration—In Fellowship Hall in place of Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
May 17	High School Graduation Breakfast—All ages to Fellowship Hall/No Bible Class or Sunday School
May 24	Memorial Day—No Adult Bible Class or Sunday School

Excitement builds as the weekend for commitments for the **Enter His Courts Ministry Expansion Campaign** approaches! A great Initial Leadership Commitment Event on April 26 brought commitments for over \$555,000 from 48 family units.

There will be opportunities to bring your commitment card forward during all services on May 2 and 3.



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

## Prayer of the Church/Fifth Sunday of Easter/May 3, 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 reasonable 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 *Jacob Morse's* Vicarage assignment to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church as our 22<sup>nd</sup> vicar for next year, for *Pastor-elect Henry Eising's* call as Pastor at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Coralville, Iowa. We also praise You that *Pastor-elect Tyler Simmons* has been assigned as Pastor at Faith Lutheran Church, East Wenatchee, Washington. With churches wanting Vicars and Pastors, we give you praise for these assignments, 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 Langehough, 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), Elora Nelson (great niece of John and Tracy Nelson), 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, and 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.**

## BIRTHDAYS

May 3	Thomas LaRoche, Amie Ohlmann, Laura Stresow, Vaughn Swart
May 4	Meleah Fesler, Brock Wenck
May 5	Tobias Haack, Brian Poust
May 6	Emily Peterson, Paul Ragan, Wyatt Thompson
May 7	Ryan Roth, Kristin Weis
May 8	Karen Alderman, Todd Davis, Brian Potter, Callie Schneider, Robert Stoddard
May 9	Marc West

## STEWARDSHIP April 25/26, 2026

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 04/25—5:30pm	41	Contributions	\$20,255.50
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 04/26—8:00am	82	Monthly needs for budget	\$75,311.84
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 04/26—10:30am	190		No Adult Bible Class
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	313	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	43/0

## This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church May 3—10, 2026

<u>Sunday, 05/03</u>		<u>Wednesday continued.....</u>	
Worship Service	8:00am	Lunch Bunch	12:00pm
Sunday School/Adult Bible	9:20am	Preschool Open House	6:00pm
Worship Service	10:30am		
		<u>Thursday, 05/07</u>	
<u>Monday, 05/04</u>		Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Board of Elders	6:30pm
Chamber Singers	6:00pm	Visitation Meeting	6:30pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Youth Committee	6:00pm		
		<u>Friday, 05/08</u>	
<u>Tuesday, 05/05</u>		***	
Solon Nursing Home	9:30am		
Sharon Hintze PEO Group	10:00am	<u>Saturday, 05/09—Noisy Offering</u>	
Human Care	6:30pm	Men's Bible Study	8:00am
Al-Anon	7:00pm	Worship Service	5:30pm
<u>Wednesday, 05/06</u>		<u>Sunday, 05/10—The Bible is Right</u>	
TOPS	8:00am	Worship Service	8:00am
Bible Study	11:00am	THE BIBLE IS RIGHT	9:20am
		Worship Service	10:30am



**Building Healthy Families:** Would your mom or dad make it into a “Perfect Parent Hall of Fame”? Probably not—because let’s be honest, there’s no such thing as a perfect earthly parent. But imperfect, amazing Christian parents for whom we’re eternally thankful? Absolutely! Open your hymn book today and revisit Luther’s explanation of the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment. How are you doing with this one? Where does it challenge you—or gently nudge you to do something different? Prayerfully consider how you might better apply this instruction. In doing so, may you discover a deeper joy in following God’s path – honoring, loving, respecting, and appreciating the imperfect parents who are part of your story.

[www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org) **Lutheran Family Service**

## PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTO ANNOUNCEMENT:

### Pictorial Directory Photo Time!

**When:** May 9 & 10 after each service

**Where:** In the Chapel

**Who:** Anyone who does not have a photo in the pictorial directory or is in need of an updated photo.



This is a good time for you to update your contact information for the directory, even if you don't need a photo taken. You can also update information by coming to the office during regular office hours or calling Lorrie in the office.

Other options if these dates don't work for you:

- Submit a photo to the church office by email [redeemer@ourredeemer.org](mailto:redeemer@ourredeemer.org)
- Bring or send a printed one to the office.
- Contact a Connections Committee member to take your photo at a time that works for you.

Contact Aubrey Lyon (712-263-0636) or Pam Wilson (319-530-1920) with questions or to schedule at a different time.

Thank you!  
Connections Committee

## WANTED: PICK-UP TRUCKS (of any size) FOR JULY 4 PARADE

Do YOU have a pick-up truck that Our Redeemer could use in the Fourth of July parade?

Our Redeemer has a long-standing tradition of handing out water bottles along the Coralville Fourth of July parade route. This is an excellent OUTREACH opportunity as it meets the community need of staying hydrated, AND allows us to also point to Jesus, who is the living water that quenches our spiritual thirst!

The Outreach Committee is looking for 3 pick-up trucks that we would decorate for the Coralville parade. The truck bed would carry bottles of water for distribution along the parade route. The truck would be dropped off at church to be decorated and loaded with water on Friday afternoon (July 3). Ideally the truck owner would be available to drive the truck in the parade, but if not, someone else could be designated for this. If you have a truck which could be utilized for this purpose, **please contact Carol Holman (651-226-7722; [carol-holman@uiowa.edu](mailto:carol-holman@uiowa.edu))** or any Outreach Committee member.



## **Blessing Books Now through May 10<sup>th</sup>**

*We will continue to do our senior books a page at time.  
Messages of encouragement and congratulations to  
the graduates can be sent via email or write them on a  
quarter sheet of paper allowing half an inch on the left for binding.*

**WHO SHOULD “SIGN” THE BLESSING BOOKS?** Everyone in the congregation can sign.

**WHAT SHOULD I WRITE?** Write a short note of Christian encouragement, share your favorite Bible verse or simply sign your name.



**HOW DO I SHARE MY MESSAGE?** You can either write your message on a quarter sheet of paper and email a picture of it or just email the text you want--you can use the same message or create one for each student. (Please make sure that you specify the recipient of individual messages)

**Please email your message to Laurel at  
consultant@ourredeemer.org by May 10<sup>th</sup>**

Rachel Haack  
Mitchell Holman  
Jessi Kucera  
Frank Ogilvie

Natalie Ramsey  
Lucy Robinson  
Jordan Traetow  
Evan Waring



**“EVERYBODY COME ON DOWN.....  
YOU MAY BE THE NEXT  
CONTESTANT ON  
THE BIBLE IS RIGHT!!”**

Come join us on Sunday, May 10, during the regular Sunday School time of 9:20am for “The Bible Is Right”. All ages are welcome to come and it will be held in the Fellowship Hall. The contestants, whoever he or she is, will have their Bible trivia put to the challenge in front of an audience. Join us for fun and the contestants chance to win mission dollars for one of our missions.

## 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

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



Ladies, you are invited to join the LWML Ladies Guild for an evening of fellowship. Please Sign up by May 11 so an accurate count can be given to the Copper Boar. Sign up sheet is on the Welcome Counter by the office.

## Our Redeemer Lutheran Church VBS



**Sunday, August 2, 2026 to Thursday, August 6, 2026**  
**5:00 PM—8:15 PM**

**2301 East Court Street**  
**Iowa City, IA**

Sign up today for **Tropical Trek VBS** this summer! Throughout this program, we will learn how Jesus came to seek and save the Lost! As we traverse fun and exciting places, like a dormant volcano and island caves. We will discover how God finds us in every challenge we face.

### NIGHTLY SCHEDULE

5:00 pm meal  
5:30-5:45 pm opening  
5:30-8:00 pm activities  
8:00-8:15 pm closing

### STUDENT AGES:

4 year old (who are potty trained)  
through 8th grade students (for 2026-27)

**Volunteer or sign up to attend at the link below:**

**<https://vbsmate.com/events/OurRedeemerVBS2026/31540>**

## Introducing the vicar for the 2026-2027 academic year



**Vicar Jacob Morse**

Greetings in Christ! My name is Jacob Morse, a traditional-route MDiv student at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. My wife (Grace), our first expectant child (March 2026), and I are extremely excited to be starting vicarage at your congregation. We are thankful to have this wonderful opportunity and cannot wait to get acquainted with your community. We pray that—under your experience and the Holy Spirit’s guidance—God will use this year to shape me into a more faithful servant of His Word for the sake of His beloved people. I look forward to serving you this upcoming year. The remainder of this letter will give a short biography of my life leading up to 2026 and introduce our family’s most recent activity/interests.

I was born in 2000 and grew up in a Christian home in Columbus, Nebraska with three brother and two loving parents. My parents raised me in the Southern Baptist tradition and impressed upon me the importance of God’s Word, Christian discipline, and faith in Christ’s atoning person and work. Growing up on a farm, I also learned from an early age the significance of hard work and responsibility. After high school, I was recruited to play baseball at Concordia University Nebraska. There, I was introduced to Lutheran doctrine and quickly embraced it as a great treasure and witness to God’s love and truth. For the first time, I heard about the free nature of the Gospel, and the means of grace Christ delivers through Word and Sacrament. This changed everything for me. The more time I spent in His Word, the more convinced I was of the Lutheran Confessions’ faithfulness to the Scriptures.

In 2020, after two years at Concordia Nebraska, I was unsure of my future career. So shortly after meeting my now wife in an education class, I decided to postpone college and work as an electrician full time in my hometown. Although the work was challenging in many ways, God used this time to practically form me into a more mature man and spiritually strengthen me to be more dependent on His promises. And it was very eventful, to say the least. In a manner of 2.5 years, I was Baptized as a Lutheran, got married, and decided to go back and finish my degree, majoring in English and Theology. Shortly after getting married, Grace graduated and made the sacrifice of working an unpreferred office job in order to support our family while I finished my classes. During my senior year, the Spirit prompted me to pursue parish ministry through several experiences and encouragement from various Christians in my life.

I started my studies at the seminary in the summer of ‘24. Since coming to St. Louis, Grace has been working at Concordia Publishing House as an editorial assistant but plans to stay at home after our baby is born. She enjoys reading, baking, and sewing. I enjoy school (Especially Biblical study/languages courses), spending time with Grace and our dog, playing on the seminary basketball team, and reading old books. I also have two part time jobs—as a landscaper and leader of adult education at my field work church.



**In the picture from left to right:**

**Kara Hartwig, Pastor Hartwig, Grace Morse, Vicar Jacob Morse, Art Schwarting, Denise Schwarting and in the car seat is Vicar and Grace’s newborn (born in March)**



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Mission Committee  
Christ said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations."



## PENNY CHALLENGE & MISSION MINUTES

Vote for the mission(s) of your choice with your pennies (up to 100 pennies per week).  
For the next several weeks we're going to hold a Mission Minute during the church services.

Each week the Mission Minute will highlight one of the missions noted below.  
At the end of six weeks, the mission funding will be allocated according to the penny votes.



**Parish Nurses of Eswatini**  
**Mission Minute for April 12**



**Lutheran Hour Ministries**  
**Mission Minute for April 19**



**UKANDU**  
**Mission Minute for April 26**



**Tabor Lutheran Church Outreach**  
**Chicago, Illinois**  
**Mission Minute for May 3**



**Panama**  
**Eyeglass Clinic**  
**Mission Minute for May 10**



**Iowa District East**  
**Student Aid**  
**Mission Minute for May 17**

### Mission Committee Members

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

# Our Redeemer Preschool

For children ages 3-5 years and are potty trained

# Open House



**May 6, 2026**

**6:00pm–7:00pm**

- ♥ Meet the staff
- ♥ Explore our classroom
- ♥ Create a craft
- ♥ Ask questions
- ♥ Enroll your child

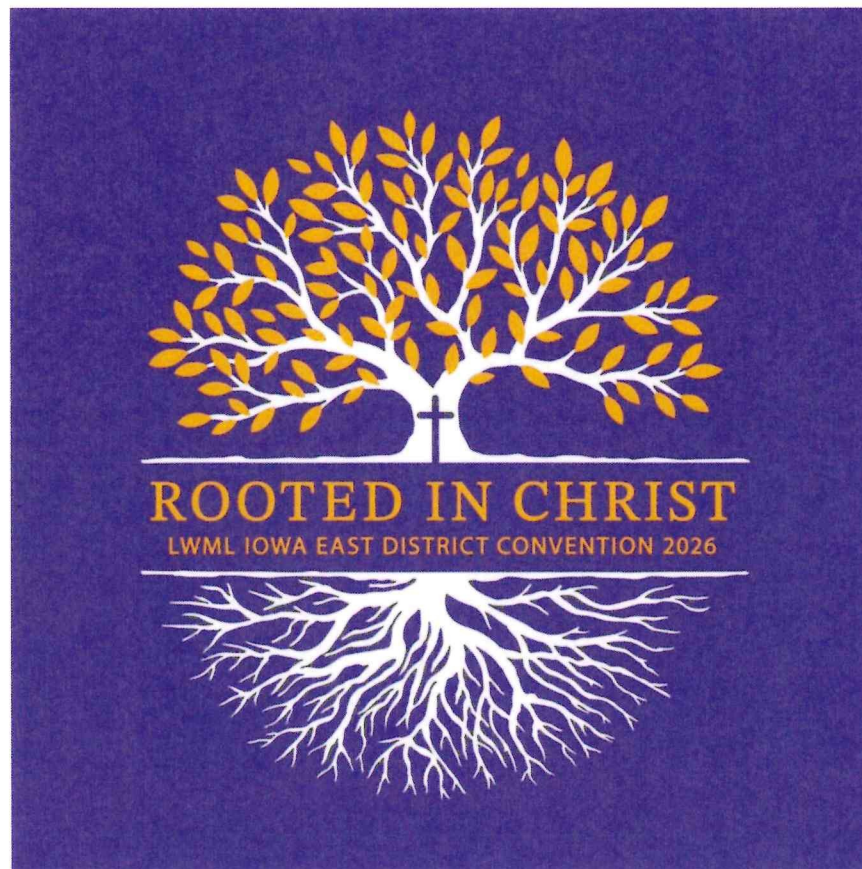


Email: [preschool@ourredeemer.org](mailto:preschool@ourredeemer.org)  
2301 East Court Street, Iowa City 52245

You Are invited To The  
**LWML Iowa East District Convention 2026**

**Dates: June 12-13, 2026**

**Location: The Graduate by Hilton - Iowa City**  
**210 South Dubuque St., Iowa City, IA 52240**



**ROOTED IN CHRIST**

**Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him,  
rooted and built up in him and established in faith, just as you were  
taught, abounding in thanksgiving. Colossians 2:6-7**

**ONLINE REGISTRATION@ [lwml-ied.org](http://lwml-ied.org)**

# 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.



1

Prices include all taxes and fees for the cruise.

2

flights

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.

3

HOLLAND AMERICA LINE  
Have it all.

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!

April 27—May 1, 2026

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



## Question for a Kid

If you were able to plant a large garden, would you have food to plant, flowers to plant or both? Why?

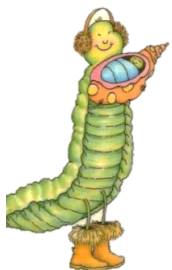


## This Week

Bible Lesson—Peter and Rhoda's Surprise  
Down By the Bay song  
Drive My Car song  
Fire department visit  
Flower Song  
Garden question  
Gum Drop song  
Hungry caterpillar craft  
Letter li—recognize, sound, write  
Planting clover hair craft  
Planting green beans craft

## Dates

May 1 – Pizza & Playground Night FREE  
May 6— Open House  
May 21/22—Last Days of School Celebration and Graduation



**li** (To Clementine)

In an igloo on an island in a sea of icy water. Lived an inchworm named Ignatius and his itsy-bitsy daughter. She was smaller than an inkblot and her name was Isabel. She didn't need a cradle 'cause she slept in a seashell.

## Next Week's Snack

You get to bring snacks and be our line leader.  
M/W/F = 16 students; T/TH = 13 students

Monday: Neema  
Tuesday: Norah  
Wednesday: Samuel  
Thursday: Yoel  
Friday: Emma

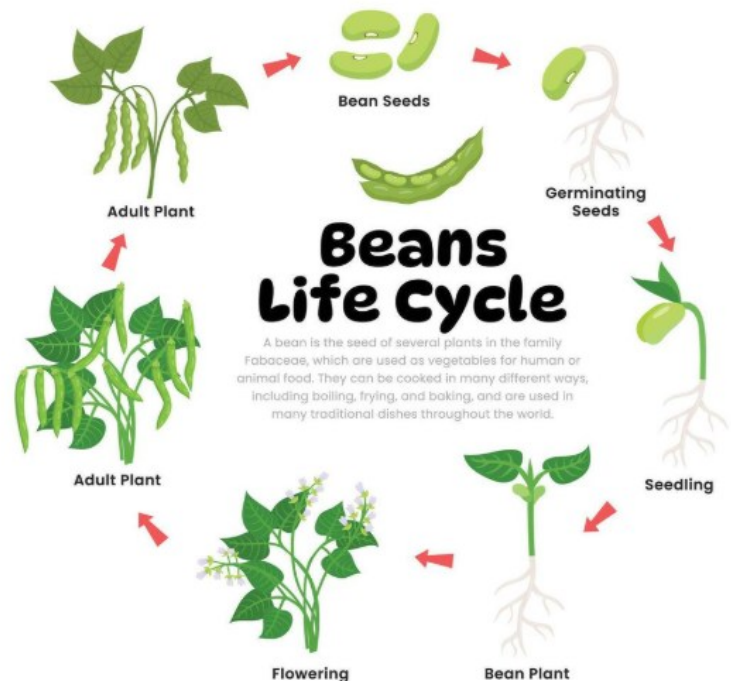


You only need to bring 2 healthy food groups for snack of the 5 presented in our Credible Food List packet. **Half a gallon of a drink is all we really use in class.** Thanks for the snack. All those staying for lunch remember the 5 food groups.



## Bike Days—May 7 & 8

Bring your bike, scooter, or trike to school. We will talk about bike safety and have time to play outside.





# Children's Ministry

Birth—5<sup>th</sup> Grade



## Sunday School May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:20am

A Divided Kingdom—  
Jeroboam and Rehoboam  
1 Samuel 5:1-5; 7:4-17

## Sunday School SAVE THE DATE! May 17<sup>th</sup> *Graduation* BREAKFAST



All are invited to the Fellowship Hall  
at 9:15am. There are no traditional  
Sunday School Classes on that Sunday

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<https://vbsmate.com/events/OurRedeemerVBS2026/31540>



## Sunday School Sunday

Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>  
during both worship services  
*All students will share the  
Memory Work they've been working on.*

**Toddlin'** —Jesus Loves Me song

**Preschool ages** —Exodus 3:12 "God said, 'But I will  
be with you.'"

**Kindergarten & 1st grade** —Psalm 119:105 "Thy  
word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my  
path."

**2nd & 3rd grade** —John 3:16 "For God so loved the  
world, that He gave His one and only begotten  
Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not  
perish, but have everlasting life."

**4th & 5th grade** —Books of the Old and New  
Testaments

**Confirmation**—The Apostles' Creed & The Ten  
Commandments

**High School**—Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord  
with all your heart, and do not lean on your own  
understanding. In all your ways acknowledge  
Him, and he will make straight your paths."  
Psalm 23 "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not  
want. He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters. He restores my  
soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for  
his name's sake. Even though I walk through the  
valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they  
comfort me. You prepare a table before me in  
the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head  
with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and  
mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and  
I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**Sunday School is one step along the way of  
equipping disciples to make disciples for Jesus!**

# Youth

6<sup>th</sup> —12<sup>th</sup> Grade

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## Congratulations to the Confirmands



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

Confirmation was Sunday,  
April 26, 2025 at 10:30am service

## Save the Dates

May 10<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday School Sunday &  
The Bible is Right  
9:20am—Fellowship Hall  
(No Sunday School Classes).  
Noisy offering at all three  
services.



May 17<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday  
Senior Grad Breakfast—9:20am  
Fellowship Hall (No Sunday  
School Classes)



May 25<sup>th</sup>  
Monday—Memorial Day/OFFICE CLOSED

June 1<sup>st</sup>  
Monday—\$300 due for UKANDU



**Sunday School**  
Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:20am



A Divided Kingdom—  
Jeroboam & Rehoboam  
1 Samuel 5:1-5; 7:4-17

**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church VBS**  
Sunday, August 2, 2026 to Thursday, August 6, 2026

5:00 PM—8:15 PM  
2301 East Court Street  
Iowa City, IA

Sign up for **Tropical Trek VBS** this summer!  
Throughout this program, we will learn how Jesus  
came to seek and save the Lost! As we traverse fun  
and exciting places, like a dormant volcano and  
island caves. We will discover how God finds us in  
every challenge we face.



Volunteer or sign up to attend at the link below:  
<https://vbsmate.com/events/OurRedeemerVBS2026/31540>

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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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.