



~The Day of Pentecost~

**MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR ADULT BIBLE CLASS**



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church VBS

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

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Registration is open for the 2026-2027 year. Follow the link to print out the registration form.

<https://ourredeemer.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Preschool-Enrollment-Form-2026.pdf>

Vicar Morse will move on Thursday, July 30, 2026. Movers will be needed to help at 9:00 am.

Prayer of the Church/The Day of Pentecost/May 24, 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 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 for safe travel and effective ministry to the people through assisting the clinic and parish nurses, 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, Carol Schuldt, George Schuldt, 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, and Garry Wilcox** (*Melissa Mullane's dad*), 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

DATE	
May 24	Marlene Moeller, Abel Morrison
May 25	Brent Caven, Jace Caven, Eric Fletcher
May 26	Rebecca Cahoon, Patricia Kaefring, Stacy Klett, Jackson Lyon, Darra Stuart, Jamie Young
May 27	Daniella Hernandez, Joshua Josten, Harold Scheer, Scott Stuart
May 28	Heather Bernhard, Desmond Knock
May 29	Travis Habben, Lynn Kubit
May 30	Harold Losby, Jr

STEWARDSHIP May 16/17, 2026

ATTENDANCE		TREASURES	\$8,995.00
Sat. In Person 5:30 pm	42	Contributions	
Sun. In Person 8:00 am	83	Monthly needs for budget	\$75,311/84
Sun. In Person 10:30 am	111		
TOTAL WEEKEND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	236		

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church May 24-31, 2026

<u>Sunday, 05/24</u>	
Worship Service	8:00am
Worship Service	10:30am
<u>Monday, 05/25</u>	
Memorial Day—OFFICE CLOSED	
Chamber Singers	6:00pm
Sunlight AA Group	
<u>Tuesday, 05/26</u>	
LLL Meeting	6:30pm
SM-Small Group/Skip	6:00pm
SM-Large Group	6:45pm
Al-Anon	7:00pm
<u>Wednesday, 05/27</u>	
TOPS	8:00am

<u>Thursday, 05/28</u>	
Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Al-Anon	7:30pm
Al-Anon Birthdays	8:30pm
<u>Friday, 05/29</u>	
<u>Saturday, 05/30</u>	
Worship Service	5:30pm
<u>Sunday, 05/31</u>	
Worship Service	5:30pm
Worship Service	8:00am
Adult Bible Class	9:20am
Sunday School	9:20am
Worship Service	10:30am

Building Healthy Families: Ever find yourself feeling overwhelmed by the evening news, thinking that the world and everything you care about and value is going to hell in a handbasket? Here's a friendly reminder to check our attitude, and remember God's promises, as well as the impact of sharing negative, cynical, hopeless expressions about the future within earshot of children, teens, and young parents in our family and church. Instead, refocus! Instill in the hearts and minds of young people who are just starting life that they can – with God's help and blessing—be an important part of building a better future. Remind them as Paul reminded Timothy: "...God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control." Through our words and prayers, let's encourage and build world-changers, not fearful hearts! www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service**





Starting Saturday, May 30th, through Sunday, June 28th, the Our Redeemer Human Care Committee will sponsor our fifth annual “Undies Sunday” to benefit the Iowa City Shelter House. Since this drive began in 2022, our church and community have donated a total of 3,347 pairs of underwear. We appreciate your support in making this another successful year.

Did you know that underwear is one of the most requested but least donated items for those experiencing homelessness? Having a clean pair of underwear each day is critical for a person’s physical and emotional well-being. Our committee is asking the congregation to

donate NEW underwear for men, women and children in all sizes and colors.

Laundry baskets will be placed in the Narthex for donation. Next time you are shopping for your family, please consider purchasing a package to help make a difference for our neighbors in Johnson County.

Hebrews 13:16 “And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”



CAMP IO-DIS-E-CA SINCE 1963
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca exists to promote and provide Christ-centered education, recreation, and inspiration for individuals and groups of all ages.

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca needs your help! This spring, the compressor for the walk-in freezer in Alpha Lodge stopped working, and so did the hot water heater in Omega Lodge. Despite temporarily being without a large amount of freezer space and then without hot water, we have thankfully been able to get both fixed and return to full operation. However, we now have \$12,000 in additional expenses to cover.

Can we count on your support to help us cover this cost? To donate, you may send a check to

3271 Sandy Beach Rd. NE Solon, IA, 52333 or go to campiodiseca.org/believe/ and note that your donation is intended to go toward these expenses.



WANTED: BOTTLES OF WATER FOR JULY 4 PARADE

Our Redeemer Outreach Committee is seeking bottles of water that can be distributed along the Coralville Fourth of July parade route. The bottles will be labelled with a message pointing to Jesus (and to Our Redeemer Church!). What a wonderful opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ by interacting with those around us to meet a community need.

Please place donated bottles of water in the Fellowship Hall (underneath the sign immediately to your right as you enter).

Thank you!
 Outreach Committee



Preschool Newsletter



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

May 18—22, 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



Dear Preschool Families,

As the school year comes to a close, we want to take a moment to say thanks. Thank you for sharing your pride and joy with us. We have done our best to keep your child safe and happy this school year. We have enjoyed all the hugs, smiles, and kind words your child has shared with us.

Thank you for supporting all our efforts. Thank you for getting up early and driving through the rain and snow to make sure your child made it to school, for taking the time to read and sign all the notes and forms that have come home, and for reading with your child and helping them learn. Thank you for sharing your very unique child with us this year. They have all been a real blessing to the preschool, to their friends, and to us teachers. Thank you and God's blessings on a great summer!

Our church preschool is bursting with creativity, but our craft closets are running low. We are asking our wonderful congregation for donations of **craft beads** all shapes, sizes, and colors. Please place your donations at Kaja Mueller office door anytime this summer or fall. Thank you for supporting our youngest disciples as they grow, learn, and create!

This helps with their

Fine Motor Skills:

Stringing beads helps little fingers develop

coordination; with their Math

Concepts: Children practice sorting, counting, and pattern-making; and

their Creative

Expression: Kids love making gifts for family and friends.



**Enrollment for
2026-2027 is
OPEN!**



Preschool enrollment for next year is now open!

Be sure to register soon to reserve your child's spot.

Our preschool runs from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, with morning/lunch extended care and scholarships available. Please contact us at

preschool@ourredeemer.org more details.

Personal referrals from families like yours are our number one source for new students. We've been blessed with so many wonderful children over the years, and we ask that you continue to spread the word about Our Redeemer. Help us fill our classrooms with children ready to play, learn, and grow in Christ!



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade

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May 24th

**NO
Sunday School Classes
Memorial Day Weekend**



**Begins on Sunday, May 31
at 9:20am**

Toddlin' - 5th in Toddlin' Room

Youth

6th —12th Grade

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



NO YOUTH Sunday School Sunday, May 24th

There is NO Sunday School - Memorial Day Weekend

Summer Sunday School Starts May 31
Confirmation & High School in Youth Room

**Watch Reflections
and Beacon
for peach
updates.**



DEADLINE

June 1st
Monday—\$300 due
for UKANDU



JUNE JULY AUGUST

Summer Youth Schedule Coming Soon!

Summer Youth activities begin on
Wednesday, June 10th



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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

<u>STAFF & EMAIL</u>	<u>PHONE NO.</u>	<u>STAFF & EMAIL</u>	<u>PHONE NO.</u>
Rev. Dr. Brent Hartwig, Senior Pastor bhartwig@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church) 337-2403 (home)	Kaja Mueller, Preschool Director preschool@ourredeemer.org	338-3949 (preschool) 338-5626 (church)
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		Christie Cherian, Preschool Assistant preschoolassistant@ourredeemer.org	338-3949 (preschool)

2026 Board of Elders

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Skip Kempnich	319-331-5639
Cameron Koch	319-269-0871
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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	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.