



~The Second Sunday after Pentecost~

Summer Sunday School Lessons

Date	Bible Lesson	Scripture
June 7	Jeremiah 1:4-10; 29:1-14; 31:31-34; 33:14-16	Comfort in Captivity—Jeremiah
June 14	Daniel 6	A Trap and a Release—Daniel
June 21	Ezra 1:1-2; 7:11-28; Nehemiah 2:1-8; 12:27-43	Homecoming Hopes—Return from Exile
June 28	UKANDU Presentation	



This Sunday's coffee and pastries are being provided by the Human Care Committee.

Come join us in the Gathering Place for a little fellowship before Sunday School and Adult Bible Class.

Interested in Advertising?

Do you have a business that you would like other members of our congregation to know about? Well, our church can meet your need by placing your advertisement in our church pictorial directory for a reasonable fee. The directory is free to all members, but there are necessary costs which support being able to continually print updated copies. So, you could help by placing your ad in the directory. Just call Pam Wilson (319-530-1920) or email markpamwilson@msn.com for more information.



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church VBS

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

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

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

Prayer of the Church/The Second Sunday after Pentecost/June 7, 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

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's 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: For the love between husbands and wives and that you instituted holy marriage. Bless **Val and Cindy Penney** for their 43rd wedding anniversary. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord have Mercy**

For Your blessed estate of marriage. Let chastity be prized among Your Christians and honored also in the world. Bind husband and wife together in love and forgiveness. We especially ask you to bless the newly married **Mr. and Mrs. Brock and Bella Wenck**. 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

June 7 Casey Sexton
 June 8 Steven Betcher, Lennox Boyum, Hanna Hein, Alana Mullet, Russ Schomers, Jack Young
 June 9 Bradley Kempnich
 June 10 Mathilde Baldwin, Amy Guhl, Reanne Honemann, Joetta Redlin, Cory Servantez
 June 11 Anna Klein, Isaiah Smith
 June 12 Marven Doehrmann, Beckham Dyson, Pastor Hartwig, Nancy Jones, Kaylee Murken, Sydney Patterson
 June 13 Ryan Haack, Rebecca Hanson, Kenneth Robe

STEWARDSHIP May 27/28, 2026

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 05/27—5:30pm	54	Contributions	\$20,457.16
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 05/28—8:00am	95	Monthly needs for budget	\$75,311.84
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 05/28—10:30am	128		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	277	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	36/16

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church June 7—14, 2026

<u>Sunday, 06/07</u>		<u>Thursday, 06/11</u>	
Worship Service	8:00am	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Sunday School	9:20am	Lantern Park	10:00am
Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Briarwood	4:00pm
Worship Service	10:30am	Board of Directors	7:00pm
		Al-Anon	7:30pm
<u>Monday, 06/08</u>			
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	<u>Friday, 06/12-LWML District Convention</u>	
Old Capitol Quilters	6:00pm		
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	<u>Saturday, 06/13</u>	
		Men's Bible Study	8:00am
<u>Tuesday, 06/09</u>		Worship Service	5:30pm
Al-Anon	7:00pm		
		<u>Sunday, 06/14</u>	
<u>Wednesday, 06/10</u>		Worship Service	8:00am
TOPS	8:00am	Sunday School	9:20am
Properties Committee	5:30pm	Adult Bible Class	9:20am
Youth Activity	6:00pm	Worship Service	10:30am

MOVERS (Volunteers) NEEDED!

Hey everyone! We need volunteers to help Vicar Vought load the moving truck to go back to the seminary on **Monday, July 27 at 10:00am** at the Vicarage.

THEN, on **Thursday, July 30 at 9:00am** we need volunteers to help Vicar Morse unload the moving to move into the Vicarage.

Thank you in advance for any help!



2026 Eswatini Mission Trip Blog Site

Join the Eswatini Team on their mission trip via the blog page that Carol Holman is doing daily. It provides pictures and daily journal entries of tasks that happen through out the day.

<https://2026eswatini.blogspot.com/>

Our Redeemer Youth 29th Annual Colorado Peach Fundraiser



9-11 pounds per flat 15-20 peaches per flat \$26.00 a flat
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We're so excited to host our Peach Sale this year! We continue to pray for a good harvest as we look forward to the arrival of fresh, handpicked, juicy Colorado peaches. As always, orders will be filled on a first come first serve basis – as quantities allow. Please get your order form in early.

1. Thank you for ordering from us.
2. You will be officially notified by postcard of the exact pick-up date and time once we get word that our peaches are ready. Pick up will be at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, **possibly** in August or September (depending on ripening of fruit).
3. On **pick up day**, you **must have** your **reminder postcard** in hand. If you are having someone else pick up your peaches, please give them your postcard.
4. Complete form, cut along dotted line and *keep top portion* for your records. *Return bottom portion* with cash or a check payable to "LYF". Orders must be **prepaid**. Orders should be dropped off at or mailed to:

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Attn: Peaches
2301 East Court Street
Iowa City, IA 52245

5. Questions or comments: Phone #319-338-5626; OR email: peaches@ourredeemer.org

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2026 Order Form

Return with payment to Church – No phone orders accepted

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Attn: Peaches
2301 East Court Street
Iowa City, IA 52245

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
Date _____
Check #/Cash _____
Amount \$ _____
Deposit # _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

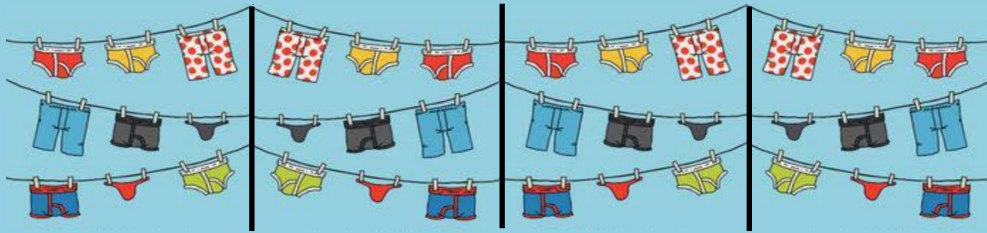
Email: _____

Number of Flats: _____ @ \$26.00/Flat=\$ _____

IF APPLICABLE, name of youth who told you about peaches: _____

*We greatly appreciate your support of youth ministry programs at Our Redeemer!
All proceeds will go to the youth and their mission projects.*

THANK YOU FOR ORDERING!



UNDIES SUNDAY

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.

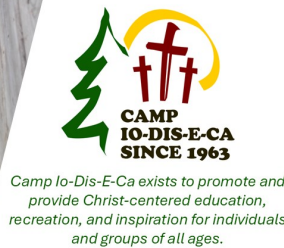


Laundry baskets will be placed in the Narthex for donation. Next time you are shopping for your family, please consider purchasing a package to help make a difference for our neighbors in Johnson County.

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 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 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



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

Summer Preschool Newsletter

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

June 1—5, 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



Brings home sheet after sheet of easel paper completely covered with greenish-brown paint. Don't worry; he's not depressed. It's just one of the earliest stages of painting. To kids, it's a major accomplishment to cover the entire sheet of paper. They also like to paint one color over another, resulting in that murky shade of brown. It may not look like much, but it takes a tremendous amount of concentration to do.

BLOCKS - Enable children to...

- *express creativity
- *discover concepts of quantity, length and inequality
- *plan and work with one another to solve problems
- *use building as a means of non-verbal expression
- *develop large and small muscle control
- *improve eye-hand coordination



IDEAS FOR SUMMER

Play boards games or cards—critical thinking skills, coping skills, math, reading.

Question to ask kids!
What makes you happy?



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** of 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.


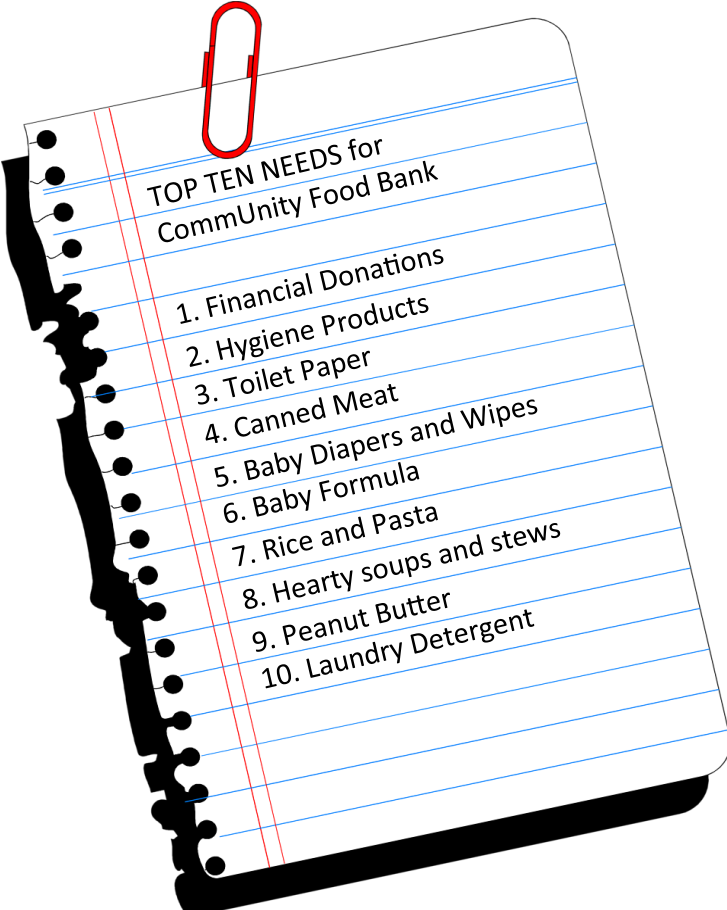
Enrollment for 2026-2027 is OPEN!



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 for 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!



**Donation bin located in
Narthex by the
Office Door**

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

Looking for exciting ways to engage your children in faith? Check out the Gospel Adventures Show! This kid's audio program uses songs, storytelling, and activities to help kids encounter clear and compelling Gospel themes. Learn more and listen now at gospeladventures.org or wherever you listen to podcasts.



Lutheran Hour Ministry



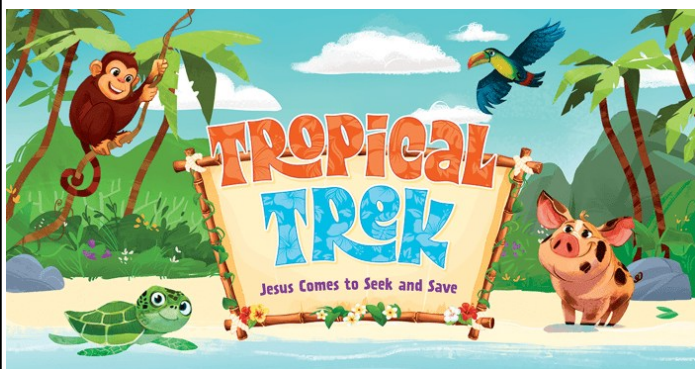
Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade

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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.



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Youth

6th —12th Grade

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



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JUNE JULY AUGUST

Watch for details!

Summer Youth Activity 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>
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Laurel Sellers, Consultant consultant@ourredeemer.org	319-331-3242 (cell) 338-5626 ext. 21	Kevin Sellers Director of Technology technology@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 ext. 18 631-8924 (cell)
Marilyn Paetz, Organist	351-4262 (home)		

2026 Board of Elders

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2026 Board of Directors

President	Jeff Kucera	563-316-1088
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	Jim Tiedemann	319-341-3400
	Steve Scott	563-889-0990

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.