



~The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost~

Summer Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
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 LWML*.
 Come join us in the Gathering Place for a little fellowship before
 Sunday School and Adult Bible Class.



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

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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>

Help provide scholarship money to allow VBS to be offered for everyone!
A box is available on the Welcome counter.

Prayer of the Church/The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost/June 21, 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 the opportunity to take part in the **UKANDU** event this week. Guide the work of all who are participating in the event. Bless their efforts that their work will contribute to the sharing of the gospel in the greater Chicago area, 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), **Mary Helen Gibson** (sister of Gwen McNatt Enokian), **James Haack, Jeff Hundley** (grandson of Karen Abernathy), **Sandra Jacobs, 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), **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, Lynne Westphal, 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

June 21 Kamila Davis, Curtis Enochson, Michael Willey
 June 22 Beau Cornwell, Luella Feldman
 June 23 Brian Fetzer, Kathy Schweer, Korene Severt
 June 24 Gary McIlrath, Craig Stranathan, Turner Watkinson
 June 25 Marilyn Albright, Matthew Davies, Maeve Obermueller
 June 26 ***
 June 27 Emily Jones, Robert Lentfer, Jeffrey Nicholson, Emelia Richardson

STEWARDSHIP June 13/14, 2026

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 06/13—5:30pm	45	Contributions	\$18,800.74
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 06/14—8:00am	75	Monthly needs for budget	\$75,311.84
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 06/14—10:30am	121		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	241	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	48/12

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church June 21—28, 2026

<u>Sunday, 06/21—Father's Day</u>		<u>Thursday, 06/25</u>	
Worship Service	8:00am	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Sunday School	9:20am	Al-Anon—Birthdays	7:30pm
Adult Bible Class	9:20am		
Worship Service	10:30am	<u>Friday, 06/26</u>	
<u>Monday, 06/22</u>		<u>Saturday, 06/27</u>	
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Men's Bible Study	8:00pm
		Worship Service	5:30pm
<u>Tuesday, 06/23</u>		<u>Sunday, 06/28</u>	
SM-Small Group/Marlene	6:00pm	Worship Service	8:00am
Al-Anon	7:00pm	UKANDU Presentation (All ages)	9:20am
		Worship Service	10:30am
<u>Wednesday, 06/24</u>			
TOPS	8:00am	District 13 Meeting	2:30pm

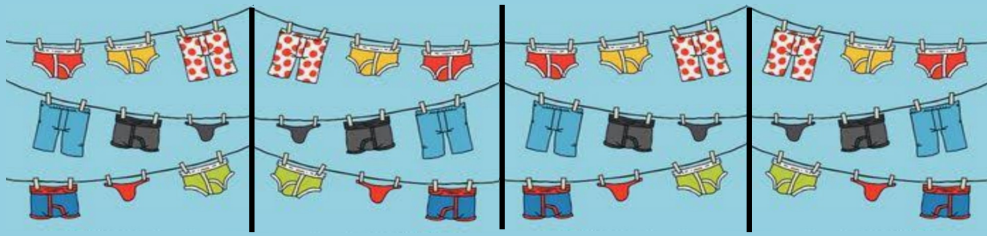
VOLUNTEERS & MOVERS NEEDED!!

Vicar Vought will be moving out of the vicarage on Monday, July 27th at 10:00am. Beginning on **Tuesday, July 28th at 8:30 AM**, we will be doing the annual "moving-out, moving-in" cleaning of the vicarage to get it ready for our new Vicar Jacob Morse (and his wife, Grace, and baby Maria) to move in on July 30th at 9:00am.

Volunteers to help would be greatly appreciated for this "one-time, one-day" cleaning to refresh the vicarage and do any maintenance if needed.

In the past years, we have experienced that a team of volunteers can clean the whole house efficiently and effectively inside and outside in one day (at times, in a half day)! We know that a clean home is a happy home, which is why we do this before each Vicar moves into their home for the coming year. **SIGN UP SHEET IS ON THE WELCOME COUNTER**

The Properties Committee



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.”

WANTED: BOTTLES OF WATER FOR JULY 4 PARADE—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! Our Redeemer Outreach Committee is seeking bottles of water that can be distributed along the Coralville Fourth of Outreach Committee



WANTED:
People to label bottles of water and
People to walk in the parade



The Outreach Committee is seeking:

1. **People to label bottles of water. The labels are in a box next to the bottles of water. After affixing a label to each bottle, please return the bottles to the case to keep them all together. (This will make it easier for loading into the trucks.)**
2. **People to walk in the parade and hand out the bottles of water. Please join us at the Coralville parade route staging area between 8:30am and 9:00am on July 4. If you have a Christ Cares or Thrivent T-shirt, this would be a great time to wear it! (If not, pick one up in the Church Office!!)**

Thank you!

Colorado Peaches

OUR REDEEMER YOUTH 29TH ANNUAL PEACH FUNDRAISER

Pickup date is determined when peaches are ready to harvest, usually in August. You will be notified by email and a postcard of the exact pickup date & time.



ORDER & PREPAY NOW

PICK UP DELICIOUS PEACHES LATER



\$26 PER FLAT

9-11 pounds per flat

15-20 peaches per flat

ORDER FORM



Scan the QR code or
visit our website

www.ourredeemer.org

Click on *Getting Involved* > *Youth*
(scroll to bottom of page)



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church & Preschool

2301 E Court Street

Iowa City, Iowa 52245

(319) 338-5626

peaches@ourredeemer.org



OUR REDEEMER
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Our Redeemer Youth 29th Annual Colorado Peach Fundraiser



9-11 pounds per flat
15-20 peaches per flat
\$26.00 a flat

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

Cut on dotted line

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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!

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 _____


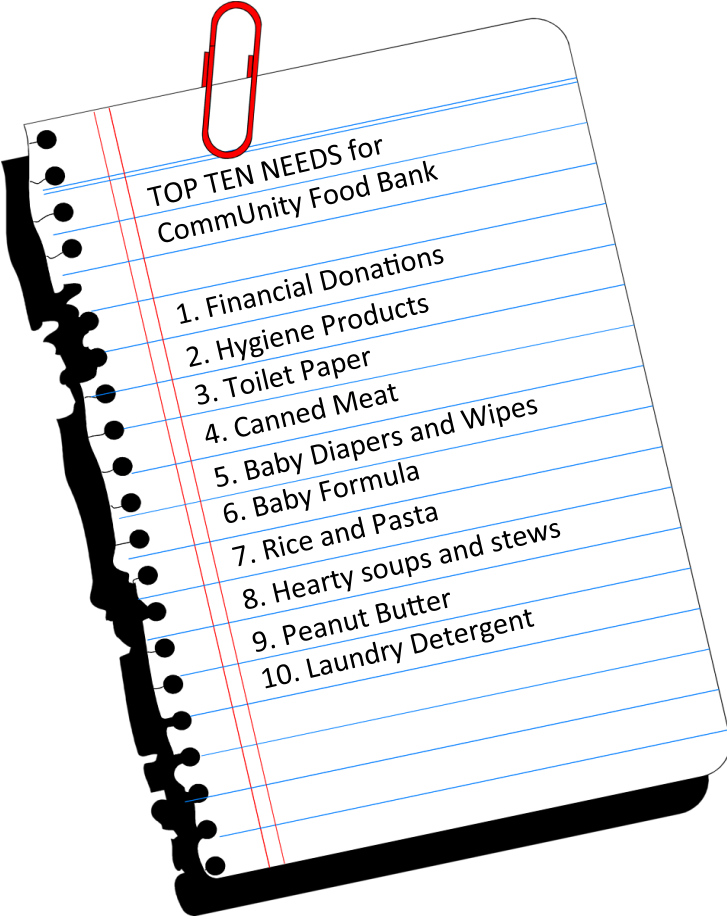
Our Redeemer Preschool admits children of any race, color, nationality or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities of the Preschool. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, nationality or ethnic origin in administration of the educational or admission policies. Our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



**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

Summer Preschool Newsletter



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

June 15—19, 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



Things Not To Worry About When Your Child Starts School

Doesn't bring home any artwork at all. There are so many other interesting things to do. And they're every bit as worthwhile. You just can't hang them on the refrigerator.

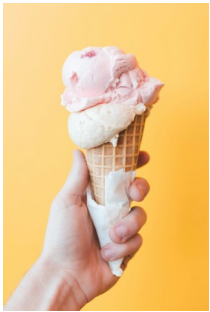
ART - Enable children to...

- *create an expression of self
- *work with a wide variety of materials
- *experiment with color, texture, and shape
- *use visual expression as a means of communication
- *develop problem-solving skills
- *improve fine-muscle control



Question to ask kids!

What is your favorite food?



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!



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade

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Toddlin' to Jesus

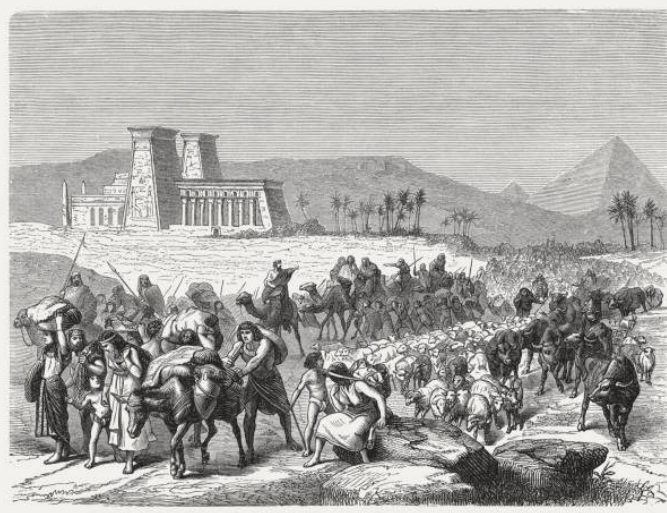
Room 215 (Toddlin' Room)
Join us at 9:20 am on Sunday mornings.

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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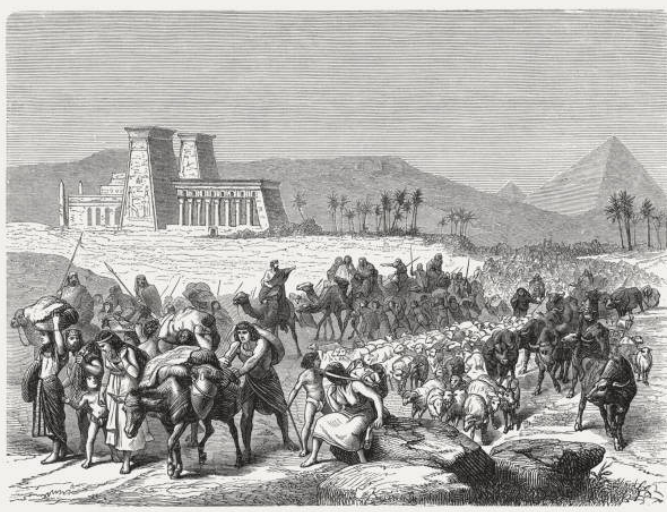
Youth

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, July 1st
Family Youth Activity at the Bohnsacks



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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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Marilyn Paetz, Organist	351-4262 (home)		

2026 Board of Elders

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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.