



~The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost~

Summer Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
July 5	4th of July weekend—No Sunday School or Adult bible Class	
July 12	Matthew 2	Wise Men Worship—Magi
July 19	Luke 3:15-22; 4:1-13	Claimed and Tested—Jesus' Baptism and Temptation
July 26	Luke 5:1-11	Fisher Follow—Jesus Calls Disciples



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church VBS

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

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NIGHTLY SCHEDULE

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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>

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



ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers for the altar this weekend are from George and Linda Bonefeld for being blessed with 48 years of marriage.

Prayer of the Church/The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost/July 5, 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

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, Ella Grace Hedberg** (granddaughter to Becky Pedersen), **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, Mary Ann Schlueter, 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, Charma Wenck, Lynne Westphal, 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 **George and Linda Bonefeld** for their 48th wedding anniversary. 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.**

It is nearing that time!

It is nearing that time when Vicar & Keely Vought & family will be heading back to the seminary for Vicar's final year of academics. Vicar's farewell and last Sunday will be July 26.

There will be a farewell lunch following the late service. Chicken and drinks will be provided. We ask that the congregation bring side dishes and desserts to share. All are invited.



BIRTHDAYS

July 5	Heidi Bricker, Bruce Maurer, Evelyn Mueller, Karrie Price
July 6	Linda Diggelmann
July 7	Diane Amundson, Pearl Bricker, Linda McBride, Dixie Walker, Kelsey Westemeyer
July 8	Mike VanKirk, Jerry Waddilove
July 9	Terry Kapple
July 10	Daniel Lake
July 11	Kathryn Bolton, Marlene Folkmann

STEWARDSHIP June 27/28, 2026

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 07/04—5:30pm	58	Contributions	\$17,760.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 07/05—8:00am	93	Monthly needs for budget	\$75,311.84
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 07/05—10:30am	123		UKANDU Presentation
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	274	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	83 (all ages)

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church July 5—12, 2026

<u>Sunday, 07/05</u>		<u>Thursday, 07/09</u>	
Worship Service	8:00am	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Worship Service	10:30am	Lantern Park	10:00am
		Briarwood	4:00pm
<u>Monday, 07/06</u>			
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	<u>Friday, 07/10</u>	
Youth Committee	6:00pm	***	
		<u>Saturday, 07/11</u>	
<u>Tuesday, 07/07</u>		Men's Bible Study	8:00am
Solon Nursing Home	9:30am	Al-Anon District	9:00am
Human Care Committee	6:30pm	Worship Service	5:30pm
Al-Anon	7:00pm		
		<u>Sunday, 07/12</u>	
<u>Wednesday, 07/08</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

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 8:30AM,** 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

New Plant Lady Needed!

Thank you Marlene Moeller for watering the plants each week. Seeking a new plant lady to take Marlene's place. Friday afternoons. It takes about 15 minutes to water the plants. If you would like to take on that task please talk to Lorrie Bailey or Laurel Sellers. Thank you in advance.



The Human Care Committee would like to thank everyone for another successful Undies Sunday campaign! Your charitable giving is much appreciated to the guests who stay at the Shelter House. On Thursday morning, July 2nd we were able to donate the following to the Johnson County Homeless Shelter. The following are the donated numbers that we would like to share with you all:

Church family & friends: 742 pairs

Thrivent Card: 444 pairs

Scheels: 13 pairs

25 Thrivent t-shirts

1 Camisole

8 bras

3 pairs of tights

This year was our 5th year in collecting underwear for the homeless in our community. Pictured here is part of our committee with thankful employee Christine Hayes and all 1,199 pairs of undies.



Also, giving gratitude for Sheila Alt's donation of her undie-themed cookies for part of the snack enjoyed on Sunday, June 7th.





Building Healthy Families: What are some of your best childhood memories? Psychologist Mary Pipher says there are three things that most people usually remember with great happiness from childhood -- time spent outdoors, vacations and family meals. During these long summer days, spend time with your children or grandchildren outdoors. Take some time off work...plan a picnic...explore a new park or hiking trail. Let your children or grandchildren help choose the spot. You don't have to go far from home or spend a lot of money to create forever memories! www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service**

WHY SHOULD I CONSIDER WEARING MY NAME TAG?

Because wearing your name tag helps –

- ♦ others to call you by name
- ♦ you to be known by others
- ♦ the vicar to match a name with a face
- ♦ encourage new members to wear their name tags
- ♦ those who have a hard time remembering names
- ♦ start conversations
- ♦ everyone to get to know each other better
- ♦ to identify those who are members and those who are visiting
- ♦ those who think they know your name, but because you're wearing your name tag, they can be sure of it



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.



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

Cut on dotted line

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

Summer Preschool Newsletter



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

July 6—10, 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.ourredeemerpreschool.org preschool@ourredeemer.org



Things Not To Worry About When Your Child Starts School

Is unusually obnoxious at home. Kids make a real effort to behave well at school for the first few weeks. Meanwhile at home, where they feel safe, they let it all out. Don't worry. Their refined company manners will wear off as soon as they feel comfortable at school—and they won't need to bring all those pent-up feelings home to you.



Question to ask kids!
If you could be an animal for one day, what animal would you be?

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.

MANIPULATIVES - Enable children to...

- *improve fine-muscle control
- *improve eye-hand coordination
- *develop visual discrimination skills
- *practice problem-solving
- *learn to share with others and take turns
- *discover basic math concepts
- *use concrete materials to develop abstract concepts



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.



Summer Sunday School

**Sunday, July 5th
9:20am**



**There will be no classes
because of the holiday
weekend.**

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 8th
Family Youth Activity



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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)
Andrew Vought, Vicar vicar@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church)	Lorrie Bailey, Office Coordinator redeemer@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church)
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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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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.