



~The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost~

September 20, 2026

Sunday School Lessons

Date	Bible Lesson	Scripture Reading(s)
September 20	A Prayer Lesson—The Lord's Prayer	Luke 11:1-13
September 27	A Shepherd Loves—The Good Shepherd	John 10:1-18; Psalm 23
October 4	A Tree View—Zacchaeus	Luke 19:1-10
October 11	A Crushing Truth—Jesus Is Crucified	Matthew 27:11-66
October 18	A Living Truth—Jesus Rises	Matthew 28:1-15
October 25	A Revealing Truth—The Emmaus Road	Luke 24:13-35

Adult Bible Class Lessons

Dates	Bible Lesson
September 13—November 22	Body of Christ: Christ
November 29	Thanksgiving weekend— <i>no Class</i>



This weekend's coffee and treats are lovingly provided by the LWML. Please join us for quick snack and a little fellowship before heading off to Adult Bible Class or Sunday School.



The flowers on the altar for this weekend are from Denise Holida in memory of her mother, Dolores Wenndt.

Voters Meeting
SEPTEMBER 20



There will be a voters meeting on Sunday, September 20, immediately following the late service.



Basics of the Faith
Friday, October 23, 7:00pm—9:00pm
Saturday, October 24, 9:30am—3:30pm

Basics of the Faith will be happening October 23/24. It's a great way to refresh one's knowledge. For new members or those who want to become a member it is an excellent way to receive instruction.

Signup sheet is located on the Welcome Counter

Prayer of the Church/The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost/September 20, 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 throughout the world and for all who confess the name of Christ that God would defend us from all evil, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this congregation, its mission and its people, for the ability to do the work God has given us to do and for the unity of Spirit to bond us in peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all who partake this day of Christ's holy body and blood, that in their eating and drinking Christ unifies them to boldly confess what this altar teaches, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the Body of Christ, 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 results, we give you thanks, and we ask that you would govern the construction of the "Cross and Entrance" project this fall, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have Mercy**

P: For the children of God, especially for **Oaklyn Mae Hicks**, who is baptized this weekend, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have Mercy**

P: For **Dorothy Blume** (Carol Schuldt's sister), **April Tutton Clark** (sister of Grace Maurer), **Tom Cowley** (Aaron Mueller's brother-in-law), **John Enokian** (brother of Chuck Enokian), **Mary Helen Gibson** (sister of Gwen McNatt Enokian), **Isaiah Giebeck**, **Jeff Hundley** (grandson of Karen Abernathy), **Dora Jacobson** (granddaughter of George and Carol Schuldt), **Todd Jones** (Barb & Ron Jones's son), **Katie Kucera** (Jeff Kucera's sister), **Ruth Langehough**, **Dot Langholdt** (friend of Ruth Varney), **Ben Malcom** (father of Tiffany Roiseland), **Grace Maurer**, **Craig Michel** (Denise Schwarting's step-dad), **Norma Miller** (Twyla Freeman's aunt), **Robert Miller** (Keith Macek's son inlaw), **Jane Mills** (aunt of Rob Gabel), **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**, **Michael Schulein** (nephew of Marilyn Paetz), **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 Ullrich**, **Don Warner** (Harold Warner's brother), **Harold Warner**, **Charma Wenck**, **Lynne Westphal**, **Garry Wilcox** (Melissa Mullane's dad), and **Jennifer Wood** (Henry & Linda Diggelmann's daughter), 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.**



Trivia Challenge, Sunday, October 11th, 11:45am.

Time to get those phone calls made and get your team together for good fellowship and good fun. Just bring your favorite snack food to share with others.

Signup sheet is on the Welcome Counter.

BIRTHDAYS

September 20	Casey Marvin
September 21	Darren Hein, Theodore Kubit, Ainsley Recker
September 22	Chuck Enokian, Angela Larimar, Linda Washburn
September 23	Brenda Werner
September 24	Jay Happel
September 25	Melissa Lenz, Charles Murphy
September 26	Michael Gerholdt

STEWARDSHIP September 12/13, 2026

Time		Treasures	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 09/12—5:30pm	35	Contributions	\$19,101.32
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 09/13—8:00am	93	Monthly needs for budget	\$71,996.33
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 09/13—10:30am	199		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	327	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	58/87

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church September 20--27, 2026

<u>Sunday, 09/20</u>		<u>Wednesday continued...</u>	
Worship Service	8:00am	Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Sunday School	9:20am	Midweek Classes	6:45pm
Adult Bible Class	9:30am	Adult Midweek	7:00pm
Worship Service	10:30am		
Voters Meeting	11:45am	<u>Thursday, 09/24</u>	
		Comfort Tiers	9:00am
<u>Monday, 09/21</u>		Al-Anon--Birthdays	7:30pm
Staff Meeting	1:00pm		
Chamber Singers	6:00pm	<u>Friday, 09/25</u>	
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	****	
LWML Salad Supper	6:00pm		
Children's Committee Meeting	6:00pm	<u>Saturday, 09/26</u>	
Board of Elders	7:00pm	LWML Zone Event	8:30am
		Worship Service	5:30pm
<u>Tuesday, 09/22</u>			
SM-Small Group/Marlene	6:00pm	<u>Sunday, 09/27</u>	
Al-Anon	7:00pm	Worship Service	8:00am
		Sunday School	9:20am
<u>Wednesday, 09/23</u>		Adult Bible Class	9:30am
TOPS	8:00am	Worship Service	10:30am



Salad Supper

Come and meet Vicar Morse at the LWML Salad potluck at 6 PM on September 21. Vicar will introduce himself and his family, have the opening devotion and a Bible class. There will be a sign-up sheet for the October 15 servant event at Crowded Closet. Please sign up so Crowded Closet can be given the number of attendees. The sign-up sheet will be made available at this meeting. Ingathering will be for Christ Lutheran School. See Cedar Rapids Zone Fall Event page in this newsletter.



Don't miss the Cedar Rapids Zone Fall Event at St. Paul's Lutheran, Marion, on Saturday September 26, 2026. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. with a brunch and program beginning at 9:00. Jan Doellinger and the Board will be presenting an update on the status of Christ Lutheran High School, set to open one year from now. Find out how you can support this endeavor in this ever-changing world. "Train up a child in the way he should go." Proverbs 22:6. RSVP to your group president or contact person. Hope to see you there!



School Supplies Needed for Lutheran World Relief

The women of the Lutheran World Relief are seeking the following school supplies to complete school kits.

- Black or Blue ballpoint pens
- Rulers
- Blunt scissors
- Erasers
- Pencil Sharpeners



Donations can be dropped off at the Church Office. Thank you for your support.



**Lutheran
Family Service**

For Nothing is Impossible with God

Employment Opportunity at Lutheran Family Service

Lutheran Family Service is seeking a School-Based Mental Health Counselor / School Partnership Coordinator to provide Christ-centered counseling and support services to students and families in a partner school in Davenport, Iowa. This position combines counseling, classroom education, crisis response, and school partnership development in a faith-based setting. Candidates should hold a master's degree in a mental health-related field and have Iowa licensure or licensure eligibility. Part-time and full-time opportunities are available. To learn more or apply, send your resume to Cassie Beltz at cbeltz@lutheranfamilyservice.org.



Building Healthy Families: Do you find that hurtful or disrespectful words sometimes come out of your mouth during the week as you interact with your spouse or family? If so, know that continuing this habit unchecked is damaging to your relationships in ways that you might not even realize. Try memorizing this verse and call it to mind when you are tempted to bite at someone you love this week: "May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer." (Psalm 19:14) You – and your relationships – will be better for it! www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service**

CEDAR RAPIDS ZONE FALL EVENT



**Rooted in Christ.
Preparing to Soar.**

A presentation on the plans
and progress for a Lutheran
high school.

**SATURDAY
SEPT
26**

8:30 AM
Registration

9:00 AM
Breakfast

**St. Paul's
Lutheran Church**
915 27th Street
Marion, IA

IN GATHERING: STOCK THE OFFICE

- Pens
- Sharpies
- Highlighters
- Tape dispenser / tape
- Stapler / staples
- Masking tape
- Poster tac
- Scissors (x2)
- Bulletin board (4' x 5')
- Push pins
- Paper clips
- Binder clips (S / M / L)
- Rubber bands
- Hot glue gun / sticks
- Elmers glue (bottles and/or sticks)
- Pencil cups
- Sorting trays
- Post-it notes
- 6"x9" legal pads
- Notebooks
- Pocket folders
- File folders (1/3 cut)
- Hanging folders
- Clipboards (x2)
- Paper tray (stackable)
- Copy paper
- Card stock
- Business envelopes
- Postage stamps
- Paper cutter
- 3-hole punch
- Dry erase markers
- Whiteboard erasers
- Power strips (x2)
- Desk lamps (x2)
- Wall clock
- Batteries (AAA, AA)
- Extension cords (6', 10')
- Nurse supplies
- Monetary gifts (office supplies, coffee, gas)





FIGHT
CHILDHOOD CANCER

BLOOD DRIVE

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Thursday, October 1

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

2301 E Court Street

**Your donation helps
Our Redeemer Preschool
unlock grant funding!** 

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PATIENTS USE**

≈ 1800

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EVERY DAY**




ImpactLife



**To book appointment, scan QR code,
visit bloodcenter.org or call ImpactLife
at 800-747-5401.**

Group Code: 2813

Last Date to Donate Elsewhere: 08/06/2026



**Sunday,
September 13**

Milestone Gifts

**3 Year-olds
My First Bible Story Book**



**1st Graders ESV
Faith Alive Student Bible**



**3rd Graders
Luther's Small Catechism for Kids**



6th Graders



ESV Lutheran Study Bible and Luther's Small Catechism in a Confirmation carrying bag



**11th Graders
Concordia's Complete Bible Handbook**





**Sunday,
September 13**
Classes & Teachers



Toddlin' to Jesus

Kaja Mueller

Preschool 3-year-olds & 4-year-olds

Angela Hotz & Morgan Hotz

Kindergarten & 1st Grade

Beverly Westfall & Kendra Schwarting

2nd & 3rd Grade

Julie Lambert & Sue Mentink

4th & 5th Grade

Bob Powers & Jenna Bruns

Confirmation (6th, 7th, & 8th Grades)

Brad Mullane & Anya Smith

High School

Kara Hartwig

Adult Bible Class

Pastor Hartwig & Vicar Morse

Preschool Newsletter

September 14—18, 2026

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

Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller Assistants, Christie Cherian M/W/F, Erin Dyson T/TH
Preschool Phone: 319-338-3949 www.ourredeemerpreschoolic.org preschool@ourredeemer.org



This Week

Classroom Expectations—*what we get to do in preschool*

Emotion books

Friday: Nurse Emma talks to us about washing our hands

Good Morning Song

Jesus Time: God created the world

Letter G song

Line Leader first story

Name recognition / spelling their name

School books

Thursday: Nurse Erica talked to us about washing our hands



TEACHER TIME

Monthly Craft: apple, write name, picture

Letter G craft

Letter G worksheet

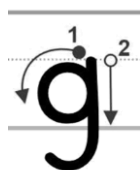
Questions about themselves

No Preschool – Monday, Sept. 21

Remember to sign your child **In and Out** every day.



Big curve
Little line
Little line



Grasshopper

Next Week's Snack

You get to bring snacks and be our line leader. M/W/F = 14 students; T/TH = 11 students

Monday: NO SCHOOL

Tuesday: Henry

Wednesday: Wesley

Thursday: Yoel

Friday: Samuel



Thank you for bringing snack! As a quick reminder, snack time only requires **two healthy food groups** from our *Credible Food List* packet, along with a **half-gallon drink**. For children staying for lunch, please remember to pack a balanced meal containing **all five foods**.



Happy Birthday Hudson!

Gg (To Ta Ra Boom De Ay)

Gert's Grandpa Gregory grew whiskers past his knee. They grew around and 'round.

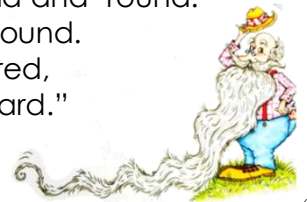
They grew down to the ground.

"Good golly," Gert declared,

"Gramp's got a goofy beard."

So Grandma Gwendolyn

shaved Grandpa's chin!



Come to the Parade!!!

Come watch the City High School Homecoming Parade with us! Meet in the church parking lot on Wednesday, October 7th at 5:30 PM. Bring your own chairs or blankets to sit curbside, and enjoy **FREE** hot dogs, chips, and water served in front of the church.



Classroom Expectations

To have a great day at preschool, we follow our rules! Everyone is special to God, so they are special to us. We treat each other with kindness and patience.

- We sit crisscross apple sauce.
- We raise our hands to say something.
- We walk.
- We take turns and share.
- We help clean up.

Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade

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.



Sunday School

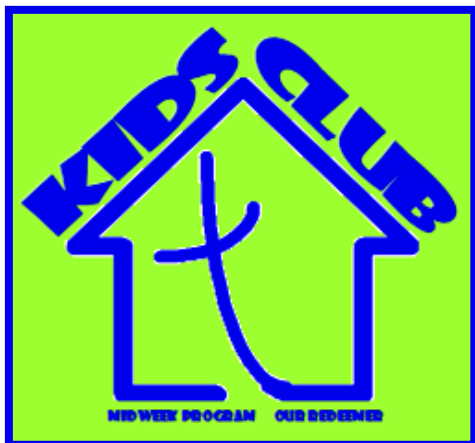
Sunday, September 20th

9:20am



Lesson:

**A Prayer Lesson—
The Lord's Prayer
Luke 11:1-13**



KIDS CLUB

For children ages:

4 years old—5th grade

Wednesday, September 23rd

6:45pm

Youth

6th—12th Graders

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:45pm

6th Grade—Lecture
Genesis: Patriarchs



7th Grade—Lecture
The Ten Commandments
Intro--3rd Commandment



8th Grade—Small Group
Questioning 7th Grade
& OT Quiz



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, October 7th
PARADE PARTY
5:30pm



Monday, October 12th
COLUMBUS DAY
Office Closed

Saturday, October 24th
7th & 8th GRADE
CONFIRMATION RETREAT
6:30 pm See Kara for details



**Sunday School**
Sunday, September 20th
9:20am



A Prayer Lesson—The Lord's Prayer
Luke 11:1-13

Sunday, October 11th
TRIVIA CHALLENGE
Fellowship Hall
11:45am—1:45pm
Let's get a team together!



Sunday, October 25th
TRUNK OR TREAT
South Parking Lot
4:00 pm—5:00 pm

Are you going to volunteer to do a trunk? This makes an excellent outreach opportunity for Youth and Youth Families.



OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

Office: 319-338-5626

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Preschool: 319-338-3949

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DEADLINES

Reflections (printed weekly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, or emailed) each Wednesday by 5:00 pm

Beacon Newsletter & Church Activities Calendar (printed monthly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, or emailed) 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 as environmentally, all employees and volunteers, both new and existing, undergo background screening before working with younger members. Performing background checks provides safeguards and peace of mind to our staff, volunteers, parents, youth, and children.