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A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
of the Body of Christ



CHRIST



COMMUNION



CHURCH

~The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost~

October 25, 2026

Sunday School Lessons

Date	Bible Lesson	Scripture Reading(s)
October 25	A Revealing Truth—The Emmaus Road	Luke 24:13-35



Adult Bible Class Lessons

Dates	Bible Lesson
October 25	Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5-7)
November 1	Parables of Jesus
November 8	The Adulterous Woman (John 8:1-11)
November 15	Lazarus Raised from the Dead (John 11:1-46)
November 22	Garden of Gethsemane; Crucifixion; Easter
December 6	Ascension
December 13	Second Coming

COURT STREET CONSTRUCTION

Update From Jon Resler
City of Iowa City



Court Street from Muscatine Avenue to 1st Avenue will be open for winter. The Muscatine Avenue–7th Avenue section should reopen by late October or November. Rain may delay reopening from 7th Avenue to west of 2nd Avenue until late December.

The final section, from west of 2nd Avenue through the 1st Avenue intersection, is scheduled for reconstruction June 9–August 20, 2027, after school lets out.



Coffee & Treats

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



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY RECOGNITION

Please send the church office names of people who have died since All Saints Day in 2025 (November) and that you would like to have recognized on **October 31/November 1**, along with their date of death and their relation to you. Church members that have died will also go on the list. Please have these to Lorrie at 338-5626 or redeemer@ourredeemer.org by **Monday, October 26, 2026**

Prayer of the Church/The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost/October 25, 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 clergy, called worker, and staff of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church who equip disciples to make disciples for Jesus. We are especially thankful for the *5 years of Brian Manary* and the *10 years of Sarah Ghabel*, 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' 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 in-law), *Jane Mills* (aunt of Rob Ghabel), *Merri Mullane*, *Julie Pratt-Mullenkamp* (cousin of Ruth Varney), *Elora Nelson* (great niece of John and Tracy Nelson), *Tate 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 Ullrich*, *Don Warner* (Harold Warner's brother), *Harold Warner*, *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.

BIRTHDAYS

October 26	Kurt Shaner
October 27	Benjamin Miskle
October 28	Jean Broberg, Hope Carlson, John Ervin, Loren Kober
October 29	Madeline Caylor
October 30	Corey Holman, Aurora Magsamen, Zelda Stockdale
October 31	Bo Bower, Heather Fehr, Matthew Holida, Leah McDowell, Claire McDowell
November 1	Jacob Frields, Morgan Hotz, Drake Hotz, Gregory Hotz, Lori Lacina, Ethan Monhollon, Miley Raddatz, Joel Schuldt

STEWARDSHIP October 17/18, 2026

Time		Treasures	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 10/17—5:30pm	31	Contributions	\$15,498.36
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 10/18—8:00am	79	Monthly needs for budget	\$71,996.33
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 10/18—10:30am	160		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	270	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	61/56

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church October 25—November 1, 2026

<u>Sunday, 10/25---Staff/Clergy Appreciation</u>			<u>Wednesday continued....</u>	
Worship Service	Reformation	8:00am	Choir Practice	6:45pm
Sunday School	Sunday	9:20am	Adult Midweek Class	7:00pm
Adult Bible Class		9:30am		
Worship Service		10:30am	Thursday, 10/29	
			Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Monday, 10/26			Al-Anon--Birthdays	7:30pm
Staff Meeting		1:00pm		
Chamber Singers		6:00pm	Friday, 10/30	
Sunlight AA Group		6:00pm	****	
Tuesday, 10/27			Saturday, 10/31—All Saints Remembrance	
Women's Bible Study		10:00am	Worship Service (Reformation Day)	5:30pm
SM-Small Group/Marlene		6:00pm		
LLL Meeting		6:30pm	Sunday, 1/1—All Saints Remembrance	
SM-Large Group/Marcia		6:45pm	Worship Service	8:00am
Al-Anon		7:00pm	Sunday School	9:20am
			Adult Bible Class	9:30am
Wednesday, 10/28			Worship Service	10:30am
TOPS		8:00am	Prime Time Dinner	11:45am
Midweek Classes		6:45pm		



Membership Changes & Official Acts

<u>Deaths</u>	
Duane and Florence Miller	09-11-2026
Lynne Westphal	10-15-2026

MISSION	October
Iowa District East	\$2,916.66
Panama Rickman	\$1,000.00
TOTAL	\$3,916.66
MONTH TOTAL	\$3,916.66
TOTAL	\$3,916.66



Basics of the Faith—**CHANGE OF DATES**

Friday, November 6, 7:00pm—9:00pm, Saturday, November 7, 9:30am—3:30pm

Basics of the Faith will be happening November 6/7. 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 counter in the Welcome Counter

Make Your Gift Go Further!

Much planning has been completed and construction work is starting to ramp up on the Cross & Entrance Project. The Enter His Courts Ministry Expansion Campaign has continued successfully as well. This is all very exciting!

Many of you pledged your financial support to the campaign earlier this year and others have already given monetary gifts. The total of these commitments and gifts is almost \$830,000.00. For this, as a congregation, we are very grateful and blessed.



One way you can help make our fundraising efforts go a little further toward this important project is to provide financial support as early as possible. Construction expenses will be paid as they are incurred, so any funds on hand are utilized first. This will delay the implementation of our guaranteed loan. We'll ultimately reduce the length of the loan and total interest paid.

Earlier this year, there was \$170,000.00 available in the Enter His Courts fund for use in covering initial expenses. Now that construction has started and bills are being paid, this fund will be depleted quickly. If you are in a position where you are able to contribute even part of your pledge during the construction phase, that will be very helpful. Maybe you have been blessed in such a way that you can make a contribution now. Even small amounts make a difference.

Please keep this project and campaign in your prayers. Thanks to you and Thanks Be to God!

*Sincerely,
Enter His Courts Campaign Leadership Team*

Time to start thinking **COOKIES!**

The 33rd Annual LWML Guild Cookie Walk will be **Saturday, December 5th, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00**. Please consider donating as many cookies as possible for this event. Workers are needed on Friday and/or Saturday. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex on Sundays. Posters will be available for your office bulletin board or where you shop. Please help us advertise this great event! Proceeds from the Cookie Walk will be given to mission projects. Thank you for your help!



2026 Silent Auction & Luncheon

Sunday, November 22

The Mission Committee is seeking unique items, handicrafts and/or services for this year's Silent Auction.

Some service ideas would be using your unique God given talents for: bread & pie of the month club/lawn care/professional photographs/etcetera.

The donated items should be new or well cared for pieces.

Donations can be dropped off at the church office.

The Silent Auction will help support individuals participating in the short-term Mission Trips.

The Silent Auction items will be on display from Sunday, November 1, 2026 to Sunday, November 22, 2026

Those items not selected for the Silent Auction will be returned.



Mission Committee Members

Denise Holida / Anita Nicholson / Val Penney / Bob Powers / Tiffany Roiseland / Lynn Smith (Chair)

Please fill out the form below & attach it to the donated item or service.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS SHOULD BE DONATED BY SUNDAY, October 25, 2026.

Name: _____

Donated Item or Service: _____

Minimum bid (optional): _____

2026 Silent Auction & Luncheon

Sunday November 22



ORLC members in Los Andes in 2024.



ORLC members in Balboa in 2024



The Lutheran churches & their locations where the 2024 eye glasses clinics were held.

Dates to Remember

November 22, 2026: Silent Auction Conclusion.

November 22, 2026: Eswatini Luncheon (w/Palm Grove Initiative)

March 7-12, 2027 - MOST Ministries Mini-Mission Trip

April 4, 2027 – Panama Luncheon

June 19-26, 2027 - UKANDU (Chicago)

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CLERGY APPRECIATION DAY

OCTOBER 24/25

The apostle Paul began the concept of clergy appreciation when he said in 1 Timothy 5:17, "Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching". Paul restated this concept in 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 when he said that those who work hard among you should be held in the highest regard for their work. In 1992 Clergy Appreciation Month was started.

Shepherding God's flock can be difficult and lonely work at times. Many pastors leave the ministry each year.

There are many stories of men, in the Old and New Testaments who have experienced loneliness and weariness of ministry. In 2 Timothy 4, Paul said that no man stood with him, but Paul eventually came to understand that God was with him, even when he thought that he was deserted by men. The prophet Elijah sat under a broom tree and wanted to die. He later told God that he felt alone in his ministry. In 1 Kings chapter 19, God eventually showed Elijah that he had 7,000 supporters.

Pastor Appreciation Month was started to keep the pastors out from under Elijah's broom tree. Pastors are a blessing to their congregations and their families. On October 4 and 5, a basket will be available in the narthex for cards, notes of appreciation, and small gifts for Pastor Hartwig and Vicar Jacob Morse.

**We have staff members who have anniversaries for the 2026 year.
We give thanks to the Lord for their service.**



BRIAN MANARY
June 2021 (5 years)
Custodian



SARAH GHABEL
March 2016 (10 years)
Bookkeeper

Congratulations!



Stephen Ministry

We Care, Christ Cures!

*Submitted by:
Marcia Hulse*

The mission of the Stephen Ministry is to serve God by extending the love of Jesus Christ to individuals in the midst of their trials.

Are you going through a difficult time—emotionally, spiritually, or relationally? Are you lonely, experiencing a crisis, or simply stressed by everyday life? You don't have to struggle alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide confidential one-on-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. Talk with one of our Stephen Leaders or Pastor Hartwig to learn more about Stephen Ministry. **Our Stephen Ministers are here to care.**

STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADERS

Pastor Hartwig 319-338-5626

Bill Benson 517-881-9848

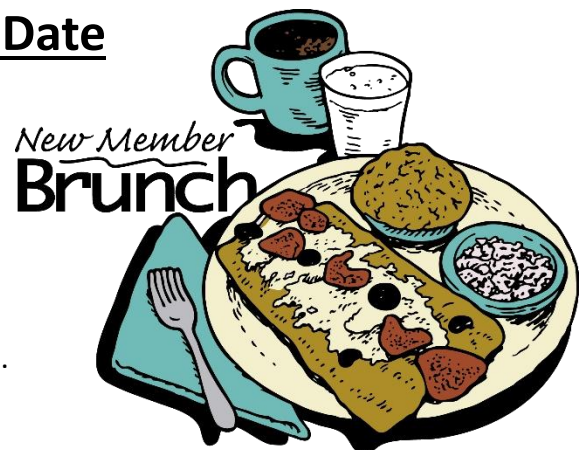
Marcia Hulse 319-541-4026

Kevin Sellers 319-631-8924

**Don't forget to set your clocks back on
November 1, 2026. Daylight saving times ends!**

Calling All New Members—Save the Date

- Who: New Members
What: Brunch and Fellowship Time
When: Sunday, November 8 follow the 10:30am worship Service.
Where: Church Fellowship Hall (lower level by kitchen)
Why: To meet new friends, enjoy a delicious meal, and learn about Our Redeemer's ministry opportunities.
Host: Connections Committee



Who is a new member? If you have joined Our Redeemer in the last year and have not yet been able to attend a New Member Brunch, you're invited.



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church would like to take the time to welcome new members Isaac and Anya Smith. They met each other while attending college in Cedar Falls, IA.

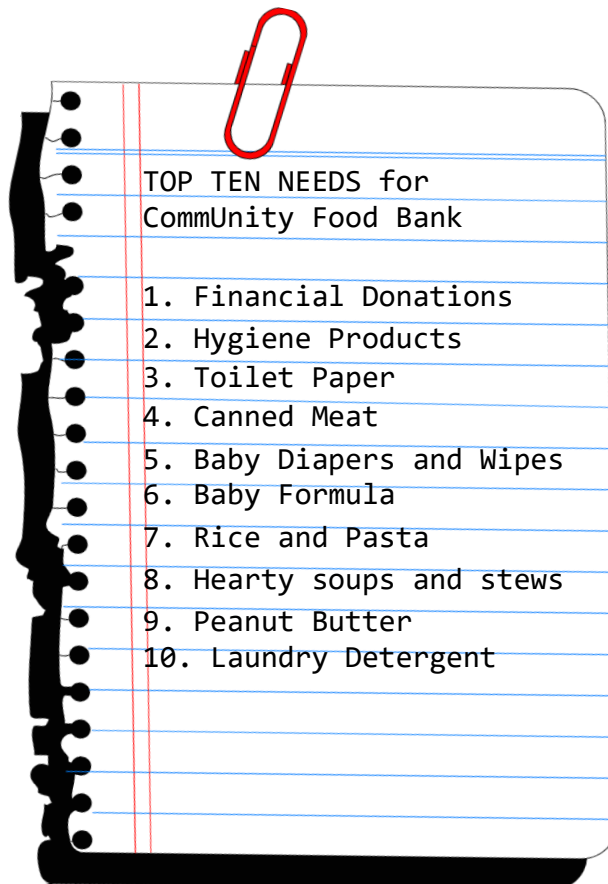
Isaac is a second year grad student in urban and regional development planning. Anya is Assistant Professor of Instruction, Psychological and Brain Sciences. Both are at the University of Iowa

Isaac has hobbies of running and mapmaking. Anya has hobbies of playing bassoon (ICCB) and singing (CSIC). Together, they like to read fiction books out loud to each other after dinner and playing with their two cats.

Anya is helping teach 6th to 8th grade Sunday School here at ORLC.



Building Healthy Families: Martin Luther encouraged Christians to remember their baptism each time they washed their face or bathed. He wrote, "In baptism, our sinful selves are drowned, and day by day a new self arises." As we celebrate Reformation Day and reflect on its meaning this week, take time to thank God for the gift of your baptism and remind your children and grandchildren of the promises God made to them through theirs. Happy Reformation Day from your friends at Lutheran Family Service! www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service**



TOP TEN NEEDS for
CommUnity Food Bank

1. Financial Donations
2. Hygiene Products
3. Toilet Paper
4. Canned Meat
5. Baby Diapers and Wipes
6. Baby Formula
7. Rice and Pasta
8. Hearty soups and stews
9. Peanut Butter
10. Laundry Detergent



**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.



Sunday

We give thanks to You, dear Lord, for blessing the Comfort-tiers on their endeavors. Two women began making and tying quilts about 50 years and one month ago. You have blessed their work and allowed other ladies to come as they retired from their jobs and added different kits that Lutheran World Relief asked for. At that time, they even made a couple batches of homemade soap to donate.

You have blessed the members of this congregation with the ability to donate materials to both the making of quilts and kits that now are being sent it to warm the hearts of children and also chilly bodies.

You have blessed us so much that it is hard to find any better words than those four that we utter to You sincerely, 'Thank You, dearest Lord!'



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PICK UP Saturday, October 17

**260 Quilts
10 Personal Care Kits
96 School Kits
2 fabric Kits**



**Celebrated at
Our
Redeemer
October 11**





Parade Party

Wednesday, October 7



Excitement is in the air as construction officially begins on our church! As we continue to grow and look toward the future of our church, we are excited to see the progress of our **Cross & Entrances Project**, which is funded by the **Enter His Courts Ministry Campaign**. This project is a vital step in enhancing our facilities to better serve our congregation and community.

To ensure the safety of everyone and to allow construction to proceed efficiently, **certain doors and classrooms will be temporarily closed starting on Friday, October 2, 2026.**

Students in grades 2 through 5 will remain in their classrooms and will not be affected. Please note the following changes, alternative entrances, and temporary classroom locations for Sunday mornings:

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Thank you for your continued support as we build for the future together.

Blessings,

Kaja Mueller

Director of Christian Education &
Our Redeemer Preschool Director / Lead Teacher
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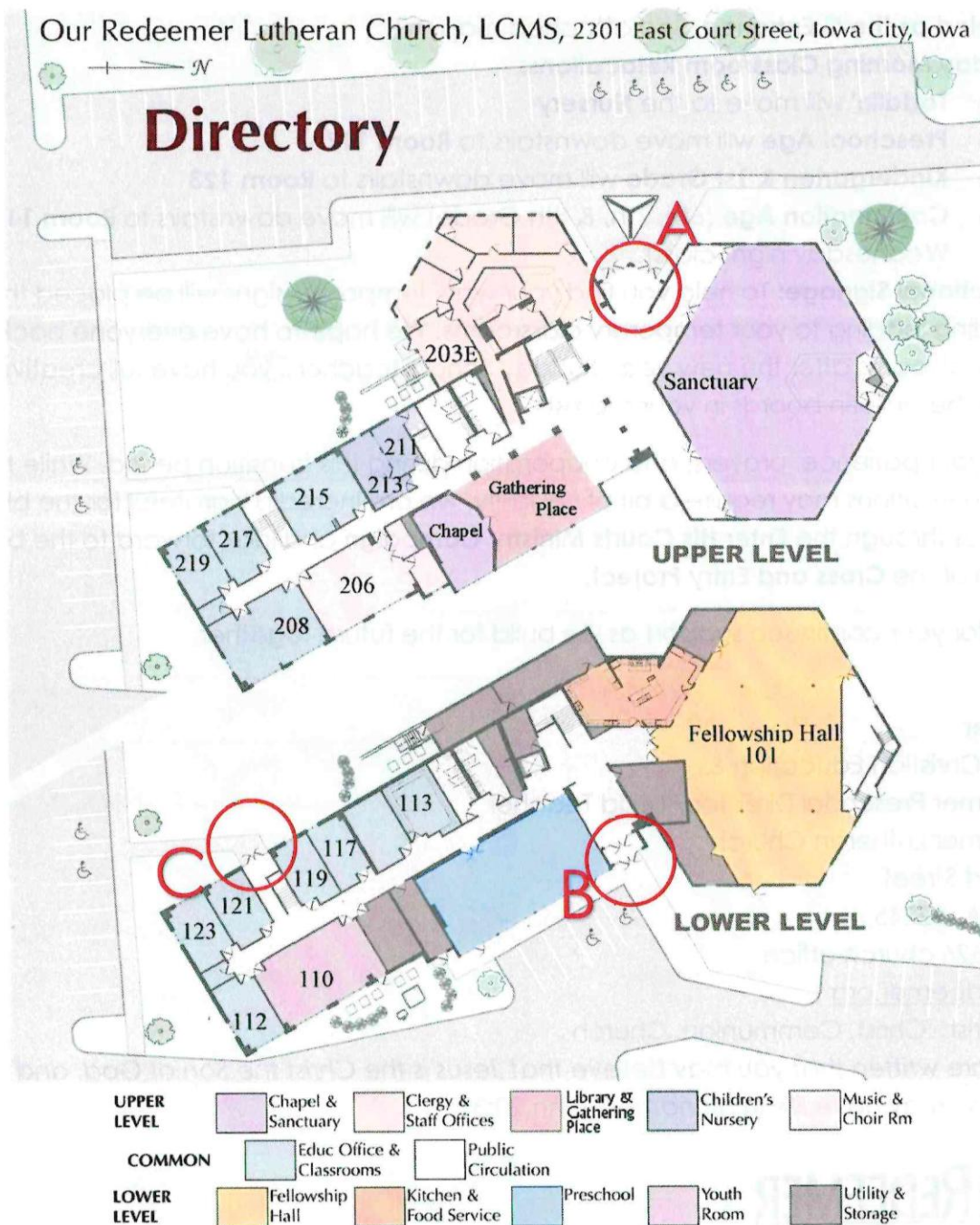
Body of Christ: Christ, Communion, Church

"but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name." John 20:31



Entrances & Classrooms

1. Due to the Cross & Entrance project construction, some entrances and classrooms will be closed.
2. Entrance A (front entrance) will be CLOSED
3. Entrance B (by preschool & playground) OPEN on Saturdays & Sundays
4. Entrance C (West entrance/grassy knoll) always OPEN
5. Weekends: Sanctuary open and upstairs classrooms closed
6. Weekdays: Sanctuary closed and upstairs classrooms open



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Construction has begun on the three church entrances. Starting October 2nd, entrances/exits to our church will vary based on construction, but there will always be at least two entrances/exits available.

What we need are people to stand at these entrances at the beginning of each Saturday and Sunday church service to help direct members and visitors into the church sanctuary. Signs will be posted, but a friendly smile at each temporary entrance will help to ease any concerns.

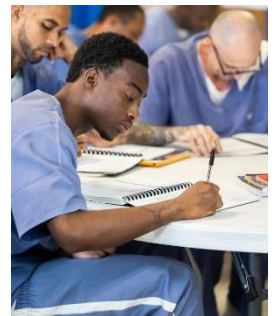
If you are willing to be at a designated entrance 15 minutes before the service begins, please email or call Pam Wilson or sign up in the Welcome Center. This is only a temporary task and helpers will vary from week to week based on their availability. When construction is complete, we will have three new and inviting entrances/exits to accommodate all folks! The more members we have who are willing to help, the easier the task becomes!

Pam Wilson markpamwilson@msn.com 319-530-1920



LWML Meeting Nov 16, 7PM

Speaker—Carol Holman
Topic—Prison Fellowship Grow (PFG)



- PFG is a year-long Biblically-based intensive program for incarcerated men and women who seek REAL LASTING CHANGE in their lives.
- This program is facilitated by Christian VOLUNTEERS who serve as the hands and feet of Christ among those in prison, conveying the hope of the Gospel.

What a powerful message we Christians have to share: Jesus said “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” (Matthew 11:28-29)



LOOKING FOR TRUNK VOLUNTEERS!!

Sunday, October 25, 4:00 pm

We are looking for Trunk or Treat volunteers to set up their trunks and join in the fun for children. We are also seeking candy donations. If you would like to volunteer a trunk, please sign up at the Welcome Counter. Make sure to include what the theme of your trunk is. If you would like to donate candy it can be dropped off at the Church Office during regular hours of operation.

Our Redeemer Youth Pie Fundraiser

**Cost: \$15
per pie**

Saturday, November 14th
Between 11:00am—12:30pm
In the Fellowship Hall

**Dutch Apple
Double Crust Apple**

The Youth will be selling homemade unbaked, frozen pies:
Dutch Apple (Crumb Topping) and Double Crust Apple
PLUS: limited quantities of pecan, chocolate, rhubarb, berry,
peach, and various other fruit pies while supplies last.



**Due to limited freezer space at church,
we request for pies to be purchased
on Saturday, November 14th,
between 11:00am—12:30pm**



SOCKTOBER

Warm toes = warm hearts



Our Redeemer Human Care Committee will again be sponsoring a month long Socktober **running the month of October**. So why SOCKTOBER? Because every night in the United States an estimated 600,000 people live on the streets and need simple things, like socks, to help get them through the night. Plus, the NUMBER 1 needed clothing items for those in need is new socks, but people rarely ever donate new socks to the homeless! Newsocks are like gold to them. For people without permanent housing feet work overtime when there isn't a warm home to return to each night. Our committee is working in partnership with the Iowa City Homeless Shelter to collect socks. We are asking the congregation to donate NEW crew socks. Socks with reinforced toes are the best, but any new socks are appreciated, adult or children. Please place your donations in the SOCKTOBER box/basket in the narthex. If you prefer to give a monetary gift rather than socks, we'd be happy to shop for you! If this is your wish just make your check out to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church with Socktober in the memo line and place it in the offering plate. We are still taking donations for brand new packs of underwear for men, women, and children. We request that you please contribute new items only. Thank you for your help.



**Praise the Lord!
Psalm 117**

**Praise the Lord within His temple!
Praise the Lord within your heart!
Praise the Lord who comes to find you;
then you and He will never part.**

**Praise the Lord oh all you people!
Praise the Lord from east to west!
Praise the Lord from now till ever
until you reach that glorious rest!**

**Praise the Lord who loves you dearly
for you are His little lamb.
Praise the Lord who died to save you
because He is the great I AM!**

**Come all people poor in spirit,
troubled minds and sore in heart.
Come to Him, confess your burdens
for from you He'll never part.**

**Be contrite and He'll forgive you;
your head and breast both wear His sign.
Only He can cleanse the sinner
with His blood and power divine!**

**Come and join holy communion
linked with Christ and heaven above!
Angels and the saints before you
share in His unfailing Love!**

**Praise the Lord within His temple!
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then you and He will never part!**

Carol Schuldt

Preschool Newsletter

October 19--23, 2026

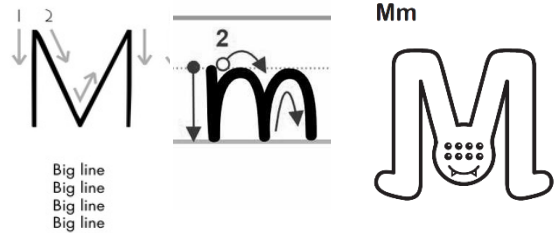
Our Redeemer Preschool where children play, learn, and grow in Jesus!

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

5 little pumpkins chant
Assessments – alphabet, state full name-
recognize, spell, write, birthday
Baby Moses craft for the hallway
Color song chosen by the Line Leader
Daily water/basket math equation
Fall puzzles
Felt pumpkin hide and seek
Free-style crafting
Jesus Time: Moses is born
Letter Mm— recognize, trace, draw, and
sound
Light table
Manipulative: dried corn on the cob to pull
off
Number 2 two-count, *recognize, write, tens
frame*
Police visit – W/Th
Pumpkin books
Pumpkins and letter M color/paint
Real pumpkins
We All Get a Turn song
Wildlife books



Next Week's Snacks

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

Monday: Wesley

Tuesday: Liza

Wednesday: Elira

Thursday: Hazel

Friday: Aria

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

Five Little Pumpkins Chant

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate. The first one said, "Oh my, it's getting late." The second one said, "There are stars in the air." The third one said, "But we don't care!" The fourth one said, "Let's run and run and run." The fifth one said, "We're ready for some fun!" Then whoooooo went the wind and out went the lights. And the five little pumpkins, rolled out of sight!



Letter Mm Song

(To This Old Man)

Monkey see. Monkey do.
Come meet monkey in the zoo.
If you make a face, he might make one, too. Monkeys love to mimic you!



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade

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Lesson:
A Revealing
Truth—The
Emmaus Road

Luke 24:13—35

Sunday School
Sunday, October 25th

9:20am



KIDS CLUB
For children ages:
4 years old—5th grade
Wednesday, 6:45pm, Oct. 28th

Legacy Point field trip and fall party. Meet at Legacy Point at 6:20pm in costumes. Pumpkin devotion and Party in Toddlin' Room at 7:30pm



**Trunk
or
Treat**



LOOKING FOR
TRUNK VOLUNTEERS!!
Sunday, October 25, 4:00pm

Youth

6th—12th Graders

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Wednesday, October 28th at 6:45pm

6th Grade—Lecture
Exodus--Law



7th Grade—Lecture
The Ten Commandments
7th and 8th
Commandments



8th Grade—Small Group
Exam 1—Study Guide



Sunday School
Sunday, October 25th
9:20am



Lesson:
A Revealing Truth—The Emmaus Road
Luke 24:13—35

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 24th

7th & 8th GRADE

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

6:30 pm See Kara for details



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.



Wednesday, October 28th

CONFIRMATION 6:45 pm

HIGH SCHOOL-Youth Worship Rehearsal 6:45 pm

Wednesday, November 4th

MIDWEEK MEAL (Becky West & 8th Grade Families) **6:00 pm**

CONFIRMATION & HIGH SCHOOL-Youth Family Night with Guest Speaker, Kari Smith presenting "Dating in the Right Direction"

Saturday, November 14th

PIE SALE

8:00am—Pie Prep

11:00am—Pie Sale



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DEADLINES

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

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, 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.