

# Reflections

Weekly Newsletter: Saturday-Sunday, July 3-4, 2010

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## Welcome to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

### Available in the Narthex

- copies of Our Redeemer Office Directory
- summer issue of The Lutheran Digest
- July-August issue of Today's Light
- July-September issue of Portals of Prayer

### One More Request for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade . . .

Please pray that the message on the bottles of water would be effective in people's lives. Praise God, we have His promise that His Word will not return void, but will accomplish what He desires.

### “Dear Children of VBS,

Thank you, kids, for all your hard work on the blankets and pillows! All of the residents enjoyed your visit and gifts. Thank you for thinking of us at Legacy Point. Hope you all have a great summer.--Residents of Legacy Point and Lisa Hargrave, Activities”

### Furniture Items Needed

Arlan Thompson is looking for a kitchen table and chairs, a TV and TV stand for a young Korean family. If you have any of these items, please contact Arlan at 338-2938. Thank you.

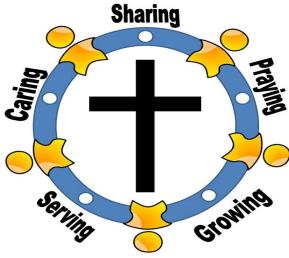
### 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Johnson County 4-H Pancake Breakfast - July 11 - 7:00 AM - Noon

Menu includes all-you-care-to-eat pancakes, sausage, juice, milk, coffee. Proceeds go towards reducing the yearly program fees.



**Faith and Family Sunday at the Ballpark! Cedar Rapids Kernels (Anaheim Angels) vs. Lake County Captains (Cleveland Indians) Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:05 pm - Veterans Memorial Stadium, Cedar Rapids.** Discounted price of \$6.50/person (regular price \$9). Seats in the shade! Sign up sheet and payment box is in the office or contact Kate Ramsey at 665-2534 or [k8ramsey@yahoo.com](mailto:k8ramsey@yahoo.com) **Deadline to sign up is Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be delivered after the deadline. SEE YOU THERE !!!**

# Happy 4th of July



### **Small Group Ministry**

**Mission Statement:** *To grow in grace using our spiritual gifts, through good stewardship for the benefit of the group so that the body of Christ may be built up.*

**Be sure to read the Beacon every month for additional Small Group Ministry updates!**

### **Summertime Picnic in a Park**

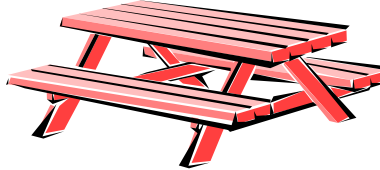
When: July 11th at 11:45 a.m.

Where: Upper Level City Park

Why: Food and Fellowship

What to Bring: A dish to share, tableservice and own drinks

Who to Call with Questions: Kathy Schweer at 337-6999 or Denise Holida at 351-4301  
(hosted by SGM)



### **Turbo Leadership Training**

The next Turbo Training Sessions **will be held on August 9, 16, 30, and September 13 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

Prayerfully consider if God is calling you to lead a small group. Contact Denise if you are interested at [smallgroups@ourredeemer.org](mailto:smallgroups@ourredeemer.org) or 351-4301. Pre-registration is required to attend the training sessions.

**Coming this fall.....Mission Auction on October 10!!!** Just to let everyone know that we are planning to hold a mission auction this coming fall. Now is the time to begin thinking about potential donations and to begin making quilts, afghans, crafts, woodwork, etc. Contact Bob Powers or Denise Holida with any questions.



### **Thrivent Builds – Saturday, July 24 – Help Build It!**

#### **Volunteer with Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity – Thrivent Financial For Lutherans**

Help us build a safe, decent and affordable home for the Entisar Jafar/Mo Ali family on Saturday, July 24—2 shifts: 8 a.m. – Noon and 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Luncheon provided over the noon hour for all volunteers. Where? 2458 Aster Ave., Iowa City. How? Contact Trent Von Ahsen: [trent.vonahsen@thrivent.com](mailto:trent.vonahsen@thrivent.com) See poster on bulletin board.

**Building hope. Building homes. Building lives.**



## Children's Ministry (07-04-2010)

"Our Mission is to nurture and support families; equipping them for a lifetime of learning, praying and celebrating God's love in every aspect of life."



### Sunday Mornings This Summer ...

May 23<sup>rd</sup> – August 22<sup>nd</sup> (no class on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>)

9:30 am All Ages Meet in Sanctuary for Opening

9:45 am Break Into Age-Appropriate Sessions

10:15 am End of Class

## Looking Forward...2010/2011 Education Year!

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THE 2010/2011 CONNECTIONS BOOKLET TO ARRIVE IN AUGUST!

### Upcoming Special Dates

Sunday, August 15 – Education Volunteer Training w/Lunch 11:30am-1pm

Wednesday, August 25 – Confirmation Orientation /Acolyte Training 6:45 – 8pm

Sunday, August 29 – Rally Day 10:30am @ Mercer Park, Iowa City

Wednesday, September 1 – Fall Festival Dinner 6pm, Midweek Classes Begin 6:45 – 8pm

Sunday, September 5 – AZ Mission Trip Presentation 9:15 – 9:45am, Sunday School Open House 9:45am – 10:15am

Wednesday, September 8 – Midweek Classes 6:45-8pm

Sunday, September 12 – Sunday School Classes Begin 9:15 – 10:15am

### Education Volunteers Needed (please contact us NOW with your requests, as we continue to plan for the fall)

\*PIANIST – This person or person(s) would be joining our Sunday School Music Team. Schedule would consist of playing piano for Sunday School Openings from 9:15-9:30am during the month of September. During the months of October through December, this person would act as fill-in as needed while we are rehearsing for the Children's Christmas Program. Weekly schedule would resume in January through May in coordination with the Team's needs.

\*PHOTOGRAPHER – This person would periodically take photos of classes and special events as available.

\*CO-TEACHERS – Teachers are needed for both Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings for ages 2 years through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Curriculum materials are provided. The materials offer guidance through each lesson.

Assistance and additional training are available as needed. There is no need to be a professional teacher, but to have a love of children and sharing God's Word.

\*CHILDCARE – This person or person(s) would provide childcare in the Nursery to children age birth to 1 year on Wednesday evenings, so that parents may help with programming or attend adult studies.

\*CRAFTS – This person or person(s) would help coordinate and facilitate crafts on Wednesday evenings for Pioneer Club / Faith Explorers.

\*GAMES – This person or person(s) would help coordinate and facilitate games on Wednesday evenings for Pioneer Club / Faith Explorers.

\*SNACK HELPERS – This person or person(s) would help the "Snack Lady" on Wednesday evenings for Pioneer Club / Faith Explorers.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COORDINATORS CONTACT INFORMATION

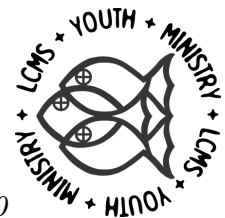
Toddlin' to Jesus – Erin Provenzano 665-9734

Cradle Roll – Paula Caylor 337-0620

Sunday School – Melissa Mullane 351-3290 or Charma Wenck 338-0882

Pioneer Club / Faith Explorers – Denise Schwarting 358-9590

Director of Children's Education Stephanie Robinson [doce@ourredeemer.org](mailto:doce@ourredeemer.org) or 338-5626



## Youth Calendar at a Glance – 7.4.2010

- \* Subject to change by the Youth Committee – Meeting every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.
- \* Sunday School is offered from 9:15 to 10:15 am on Sunday Mornings. Holidays observed.
- \* Summer Calendar is in the May Beacon and will run the rest of the summer.

### JULY

- 4 → Holiday - No Sunday School
- 4 → Independence Day Parade
- 7 → LYF GAP: Video Scavenger Hunt
- 11 → Sunday School
- 11 → LYF Coffee & Treats
- 11 → NYG Commission & Lunch Meeting to follow
- 14 → ORKS Summer Stretch
- 14 → LYF GAP: H2O Bottle Baseball
- 16-23 → LYF National Youth Gathering
- 18 → Sunday School (upstairs with adults this week)
- 25 → → Sunday School
- 28 → ORKS Summer Stretch
- 28 → LYF GAP: Water Games

## Lutheran Youth Fellowship & Our Redeemer Kids

ORKS 5<sup>th</sup> → 8<sup>th</sup> grd. Info. Board is upstairs in hallway. LYF 9<sup>th</sup> → 12<sup>th</sup> grd. Info. Board is downstairs in hallway.  
 Sign Up with Kaja, [kaja@ourredeemer.org](mailto:kaja@ourredeemer.org). Kids & Parents get your email addresses to Kaja!

**ATTENTION all ORKS & LYF PARENTS and ADULTS:** There will be a need for your help this summer in July and August. If you have any interest in helping, please sign up on Kaja's office door for the appropriate activity.

**LYG Summer GAP** – We start Wednesday Nights June 16th through August 11th from 6:30pm until 8:00pm. Remember to BARF (Bring A Real Friend). This week we are doing Water Games! Bring a towel /change of clothes.

**ORKS Summer Stretch** – Registrations are on the ORKS board in the hallways upstairs.

Who Can Participate? All 5th grade through 9th grade students of the 2010-2011 school year, their parents, and their friends! The Cost for each event is \$5. Sign Up 1 week before event so leaders know numbers.

**DATES:** June 30th - Trinity Lutheran Church (CR), July 14th - Concordia Lutheran Church (CR), July 28th - St. Paul Lutheran Church (Mt. Vernon)

**SCHEDULE:** 8:00am - Leave for Host Church, 8:30am- At Host Church, 8:45am – Service, 12:30pm – Lunch, 1:15pm - Fun Time, 3:00pm - Leave for Home Church, 3:30pm - Arrive at Home Church.

**YOUTH COMMITTEE 2010 – 2011** – We meet on Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, at 10:30am in the youth room.

Can you serve on Youth Committee this coming year? Please pray about this opportunity to prepare for activities, work with the Director of Youth ministry, get to know other grades in our monthly meetings, learn leadership and participation skills, and behave as a Christian role model in all aspect of your life. Please write in your name in the space provided. The explanations of each position are on the next page.

#### **LYF EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Presidency = Valerie Kooker  
 Vice President =  
 Secretary =  
 Historian LYF =

#### **ORKSCLASS REPRESENTATIVES**

5th Grade =  
 6th Grade =  
 7th Grade =  
 8th Grade = Lexi Stephens                      Historian ORKS =

**ORKS Coffee Fellowship – We need both for a year of service, summer to summer!**

ORKS Coordinator ??? Dates to serve: 8/22, 10/10    LYF Coordinator ??? Dates to serve: 7/11, 12/12, 11/14

**Babysitting Service Hours** - If you would like to be on Our Babysitting List Please call our Office Manager, Sally Trimpe. Any babysitting that you do here at church could earn you money for your Prize Account. Any sitting you do in homes--the family you are sitting for will be responsible.

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**Prayer Chain: 351-5297 or**  
**[prayerchain@ourredeemer.org](mailto:prayerchain@ourredeemer.org)**

**Website: <http://www.ourredeemer.org>**

**Preschool: 338-3949**

**Special Announcements Line: 338-3505**

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**2010 Board of Elders Congregational Assignments**

**Carlin Parish, Chair -- 338-7678**

Carlin Parish	{A, B}	338-7678
Tom Strumpel	{M, N, O}	627-4322
Alan Meyer	{C, D, E}	319-461-1748
T. J. Ramsey	{P, Q, R}	665-2534
Glenn Abernathy	{F, G, T, U}	512-2219
Steve Scott	{S}	563-432-6977
Dean Hargens	{H, J}	337-4635
Ryan Haack	{V, W, X, Y, Z}	688-9513
Jeff Kucera	{I, K, L}	512-6789

Each family of the Our Redeemer flock is assigned alphabetically by last name to an elder, as shown above, to insure each family is prayed for and feels they "have an elder". It is the sincere feeling of the Board of Elders that we are to love and be of service equally to the entire body of believers. We encourage any one of you to contact any one of us so we can share your spiritual journey, ideas or concerns.

**DEADLINES** **Reflections** (printed weekly): Info. must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) each Wednesday by 5:00 p.m.

**Beacon Newsletter & Church Activities Calendar** (printed monthly): Info. must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) by noon on the 16<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**Our Redeemer Worship Service on Public Access TV Channel 18** every Sunday at 1:00 p.m. and every Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

**The Lutheran Hour Television Ministries talk show "On Main Street" is shown on Public Access Television Channel 18** on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. and Sundays at 10:00 p.m.

**Lutheran Hour Ministries on Radio—WMT 600 AM Radio** on Sunday mornings at 6:30, and **KXEL 1540 AM Radio** on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

