

Reflections

Weekly Newsletter: Saturday-Sunday, July 10-11, 2010

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Welcome to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Summertime Picnic in a Park

When: This Sunday - July 11th at 11:45 a.m.

Where: Upper Level City Park -- Why: Food and Fellowship

What to Bring: A dish to share, table service and own drinks

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



8th Annual Johnson County 4-H Pancake Breakfast Today, Sunday--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.

Domestic Violence and Intervention Program Coffee Hour Next Sunday

The proceeds from the July 18 LWML coffee hour will go to benefit the Domestic Violence and Intervention Program in Iowa City for more information go to <http://www.dvpiowa.org/>

WANTED: A HOME FOR THE RAINBOW

We are looking for a place to store the rainbow that was used on the church 4th of July float. If you have the right spot for it, please contact Julie Nieland @ 530-1476 or enieland@mchsi.com.

A **BIG** thank you to everyone that helped with the church float from planning, assembling, unassembling, walking, donating water, labeling water to loading the water. It was a success and we could not have done it without many helping hands. God tells us in Ecclesiastes 4:9 that "two people are better than one, because they get more done by working together" (NCV). When you work as a team, you get so much more done. Plus, having good teammates alongside you is a whole lot more fun and less tiring! (taken from a Purpose Driven devotion)

WALK-A-THON Completed!

How quickly 8 weeks have gone by since the Walk-A-Thon began here at church. Many people were eager to participate, but after a few weeks a number of people gave up. However, I am pleased to say that 16 people did very well, and walked the entire 8 weeks! Ten people walked for 6+ weeks.

Top Walkers	Steps	Honorable Mention Walkers	Steps
Richard Henningfield	882,632	John Robinson	498,724
Art Schwarting	680,967	Patsy Heinitz	475,015
Brittany Bowman	588,967	Marilyn Albright	470,801
Denise Schwarting	546,403	Denise Holida	442,846
Brenda Johnson	500,090		

Hopefully everyone involved sees walking as an ideal adjunct to healthy living. Keep up your daily walking even though we are no longer recording steps. Top walkers will be given prizes.--Joyce Roberson. Parish Nurse



Thank you to all who prayed for us, sent cards, or sent memorials upon the death of my father Paul W. Leaders. We especially want to thank Pastor Hartwig, Denise and Myrl Holida for their support during this difficult time. My father was a strong Christian man who was the rock of our family. We miss him so much, but it sets our hearts at ease knowing he is with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you all again. Marilyn and Skip Kempnich

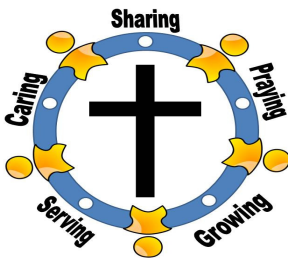
Furniture Items Needed

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.

The Comfort-tiers Will Tie Quilts All Summer Long, so---any fabrics, old sheets, curtains, etc. are greatly appreciated to keep us in 'business'. We do greatly appreciate all you have donated in the past, and we are filling up boxes with finished comforters and blankets. But they will go down in number this fall when we send some to Arizona with the group going there, besides hopefully giving some to the new Shelter House in October for their beds. Then the remainder will be sent in October to World Relief. If you have any time on Thursday mornings, feel free to join us for tying from 9-Noon and a cup of coffee and goodie besides a short devotion during our 'break'. Thank you again.



Faith and Family Sunday at the Ballpark! Cedar Rapids Kernels (Anaheim Angels) vs. Lake County Captains (Cleveland Indians) Sunday, July 18th 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 **Deadline to sign up is Sunday, July 11th. Tickets will be delivered after the deadline. SEE YOU THERE !!!**



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!

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 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 See poster on bulletin board. **Building hope. Building homes. Building lives.**



The National Youth Gathering

Thursday, July 15th through Thursday, July 22nd

“But these things 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

It has been a true testament to those who are attendign the National Youth Gathering this year by gaining so much support from our congregation here at Our Redeemer. Please pray for all the youth and chaperons who are experiencing for the firstime and those who are veterins. Pray that this experience will encourage them along their faithwalks and give them a sence that we can have fun living ‘free’ lives in Christ. We are a part of those who confess that “WE BELIEVE.” We believe in God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe in a great God of grace and mercy. We believe that, through Christ, our sins are forgiven. We believe that through water and Word, God’s Spirit has claimed all of us to be His own. We confess to each other and together that WE BELIEVE! We are a part of the body of Christ, a part of His church, a part of the community of faith, the family of God. We believe because God has revealed Himself in His Word. The Gathering theme verse says it so clearly, “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 NIV) These youth and adults are about to embark on a great journey, gathering with thousands of other people who will confess with them and with us what they believe. Together with these people these youth and adults will declare, “WE BELIEVE.” They will spend five days in worship, Bible study, spiritual and personal growth, meet new people, experience new things, and celebrate faith in Jesus Christ. What a great and amazing crowd of witnesses they will be in the streets of New Orleans!

Participants: Joel Born, Bailey Bowman, Emily Bowman, Eva Coblentz, Jonas Coblentz, Kristin Eckman, Matt Eckman, Seth Honemann, Haleigh Jones, Brock Kimball, Valerie Kooker, Alex Mullane, Shane Nicholson, John Nicholson, Christian Pinnell, Mitchell Reuter, Emily Robinson, Abby Saehler, Dan Saehler, Levi Saterfield, Amanda Saterfield, Seth Schwarting, Ronnie Schwarting, Camila Segar, Jennifer Sexton, Christa Sexton, Jacob Sexton, Darra Stuart, Ryson Stuart, Robert Bowman, Diana Bowman, Melissa Mullane, Anita Nicholson, Dianna Reuter, Scott Stuart.

Do you want to know what id going on this week? Do you know parents, grandparents, Bible study groups, or friends who are not able to attend the Gathering but would like to experience the Mass Events and worship service? All Mass Events and worship service will be streamed live during the Gathering. You will be able to find the live stream on www.lcms.org. A link to the stream will be provided on the Gathering Web site.

From the Youth Worker Prayer Book:

Lord, Thank You for calling me into this ministry with the youth of this place. Lord, You promised to determine my steps and to instruct and teach me in the right ways. I ask You to bless my actions and speech and give me the words to say as I minister to these young people. Please continue to guide the vision and ministry of this place and to provide godly mentors to partner with the youth. Please bless this ministry that You have placed in my care.

Amen.



Youth Calendar at a Glance -7.11.2010

- * Subject to change by the Youth Committee – Meeting every 1st 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.

LYF

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| 11 → Sunday School | 16-23 → LYF National Youth Gathering |
| 11 → LYF Coffee & Treats | 18 → Sunday School (upstairs with adults this week) |
| 11 → NYG Commission & Lunch Meeting to follow | 25 → → Sunday School |
| 14 → ORKS Summer Stretch | 28 → ORKS Summer Stretch |
| 14 → LYF GAP: H2O Bottle Baseball | 28 → LYF GAP: Water Games |

Lutheran Youth Fellowship & Our Redeemer Kids

ORKS 5th → 8th grd. Info. Board is upstairs in hallway. **LYF** 9th → 12th grd. Info. Board is downstairs in hallway. Sign Up with Kaja, 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 1st, 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 and take it to Sally in the church office.

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 Sally in the church office. 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 for.

OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

Church Office: 338-5626 Church Fax: 338-9171

Prayer Chain: 351-5297 or
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Preschool: 338-3949

Special Announcements Line: 338-3505

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2010 Board of Elders Congregational Assignments**Carlin Parish, Chair -- 338-7678**

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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 16th 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.

