

Reflections

Weekly Newsletter: Saturday-Sunday, July 17-18, 2010

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Welcome to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Proceeds From Today's LWML Coffee Hour To Benefit Domestic Violence and Intervention Program, Iowa City. For more information go to <http://www.dvpiowa.org/>

Pastor Hartwig will be on vacation July 18-August 5. Please contact the church office for any needs.

REMINDER: This is "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. Kate Ramsey will be at the Box Office at 1:30 p.m. with your tickets. *SEE YOU THERE!!!*

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 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.

Building Healthy Families - Friendships

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. (Ecclesiastes 4:8-10) Men and women both benefit from having friends, in addition to the friendship they share with each other. In the 'busy'ness of today's world, it is easy to let old friendships die. Do you have an old friend you haven't talked to in a while? Consider giving him or her a call this week. Lutheran Family Service of Iowa: 319-393-1000 or 1-800-622-7285 or www.LFSiowa.org.

Two LLL Events the Week of August 22nd-27th

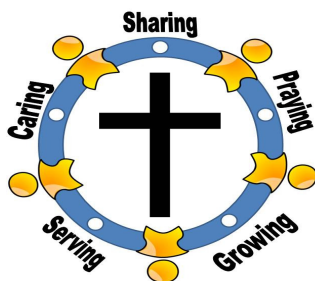
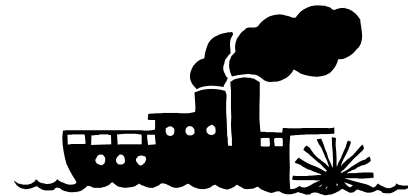


Annual Cookout/Meeting 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 24th in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own table service and item for grilling, as well as a side dish to pass. Beverages will be furnished. Update of 511 Melrose, Hawkeye football parking and other events are on the agenda. All men of the church invited.

Friday Night Fun on the Mississippi River

When: 6:00 p.m. Friday, August 27th
Where: Muscatine, IA (approx. 40 miles away—see map in church office)
What: Pearl Button Paddle Wheel River Boat—Boarding at 6:00 p.m.
River ride from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Dinner: The Button Factory (woodfire grille) after boat ride—8:00 p.m.
Cost: Boat ride is \$10.00 per person
Dinner is 'Order from Menu' (view menu in church office)

Sign up in church office to reserve your spot for the river ride and/or for dinner. Questions? Contact George Schuldt at 530-3979 or Dave Long at 331-0313. Thank you.



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.

Navajo Mission Trip August 23-27

A team of 6 Our Redeemer members will travel to Rock Point, AZ to spend the week of August 23-27 serving at the Navajo Lutheran Mission. **Team members are: Skip and Marilyn Kempnich, Julie Nieland, Miriam Meyer, Joyce Roberson and Denise Holida.**

Thrift Shop Needs

As we prepare for this trip we are asking the congregation to support us in prayer and to help with donations to help meet the needs of the Navajo residents. The Thrift Shop at the Navajo Mission is really in need of hygiene supplies, baby layettes, disposable diapers, bed sheets and towels. We will put a collection box in the Narthex and ask that donations be placed there. Your support is appreciated!! Please contact any team member with questions. To the right is a “wish list” for the Thrift Shop.



Personal Items (New)

- Shampoo/conditioner/hair care
- Deodorant
- Soaps
- Toothpaste/toothbrushes
- Brushes/combs/hair accessories
- Razors/shaving gels
- Hand and face lotion
- Sanitary pads and tampons
- Panty liners/Depends

Household Items

- Towels
- Bed Sheets – all sizes
- Bedspreads, comforters and blankets
- Pillows and pillowcases

Child and Baby Items

- Children’s clothes, all sizes
- Baby clothes - all sizes (pants, sweaters, tops, T-shirts, underwear, sleepers, pajamas, etc.)
- Socks and shoes - all sizes
- Blankets, all types and sizes
- Cloth diapers
- Disposable diapers - all sizes
- Baby bottles and sip cups
- Baby shampoo, lotion, powder
- Wipes
- Rash creams
- Baby towels and washcloths
- Teething rings and teething ointments



KUDOS

Our Redeemer's Board of Directors recognizes

Julie Nieland – for heading up the 4th of July Parade Committee

Lea Snedden and Erin Provenzano – for organizing VBS 2010

Becky West – for organizing the snacks at VBS 2010

Donna Saehler – for supporting Kaja (during her absence) with the National Youth Gathering Trip

Diana Bowman – for supporting Kaja (during her absence) with Peach Sales

Thank you all!



The National Youth Gathering – Thursday, July 15 thru Thursday, July 22

“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 attending 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 firsttime and those who are veterans. Pray that this experience will encourage them along their faithwalks and give them a sense 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 is 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 -7.18.2010

- * 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. 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.

OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

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2010 Board of Elders Congregational Assignments

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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.

