

# Reflections

Weekly Newsletter: Saturday-Sunday, July 24-25, 2010

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## Welcome to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

**Pastor Hartwig and family** are on vacation and will return August 5. Please contact the church office for any needs.

**Bible Study ~ Please join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.**



**WANTED:** A home for the rainbow. We are looking for a place to store the rainbow that was used on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July church float. If you have the right spot for it, please contact Julie Nieland @ 530-1476 or [enieland@mchsi.com](mailto:enieland@mchsi.com).

## Lunch Bunch

Will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 28. All ages are welcome.

Here's the schedule of activities:

- DVD movie "Wisdom From Ephesus"—about the writings and teachings of Jesus (the Gospel of John)—hosted by Steve Faga.
- Lunch
- Planning for the next meeting
- Fun activities~~cards, table games. Your input is welcome!

Call the Jahnkes at 337-9294 or the Schweers at 337-6999 with questions or comments.

### Floor Waxing

Although waxing was originally scheduled to take place this past week, due to various conflicts the waxing had to be rescheduled. New dates are all day Friday, July 30, and all day Monday, August 2—for stripping, cleaning, waxing and buffing floors. If there is an area of the building you need to access for materials, etc. on those days, please remember to come in and do what you need to do prior to Friday, June 30.

### TURBO LEADERS LUNCHEON

**WHEN:** Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

**WHERE:** BLACKSTONE - 503 Westbury Dr., Iowa City

**WHY:** Appreciation and Fall Kick Off

**RSVP:** Denise Holidia by August 4<sup>th</sup>

[smallgroups@ourredeemer.org](mailto:smallgroups@ourredeemer.org)

Phone: 338-5626 ext 35

**Mississippi Valley Blood Drive at Our Redeemer on Saturday, Aug. 14, 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.**

The MV Blood Bank is very low on blood and needs donors. Please consider signing up to be a donor Remember—your single donation helps 4 other people through your blood and blood-related products. Circle this date on your calendar, and if you can postpone donating for a few days to another blood center, please consider donating at our blood drive. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex. Thank you.--Joyce Roberson

**Building Healthy Families**

One characteristic of a strong, healthy family is that they anticipate and plan for change. They are flexible, and expect that they will have to make adjustments as children grow and family life changes. For example, a young boy grows to be a young teen who is now more independent and capable, and would benefit from being given more freedom, responsibility and respect within the family. In what ways is your family changing? Are you recognizing and adapting to these changes in a healthy way? Lutheran Family Service of Iowa: 319-393-1000 or 1-800-622-7285 or [www.LFSiowa.org](http://www.LFSiowa.org).



**Back to School – Shop for Lutheran World Relief School Kits**

Back to school bargains are happening everywhere. Please remember the children affected by war and natural disaster this year and send them back to school with the supplies they need.

A school kit may provide the only supplies for children returning to school after the disruption of war or natural disasters. School kits help parents continue their children's education, even while living in a refugee camp, for example. A school kit may also be used in adult literacy classes.

During August and September the LWML Mission Guild will be collecting items for LWR projects. You can donate items in the big blue tubs located outside the kitchen door on the lower level.

Items needed:

**School Kits:**

- Spiral notebooks (any page count)
- Rulers with centimeters and inches
- Erasers (2-1/2" long)
- Crayons (16 or 24 count boxes)
- pencils
- Pencil sharpeners
- Construction paper



**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.

## Two LLL Events the Week of August 22<sup>nd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>

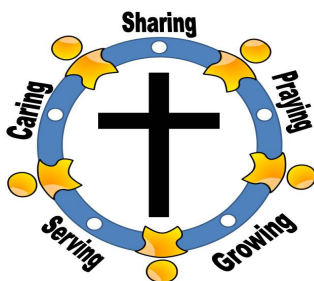
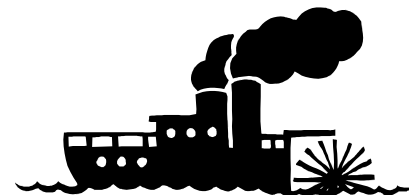


Annual Cookout/Meeting 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own table service and item for grilling, as well as a side dish to pass. Beverages will be furnished. Update of 511 Melrose, Hawkeye football parking and other events are on the agenda. All men of the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

### Friday Night Fun on the Mississippi River (Not just for men—all are invited!)

**When:** 6:00 p.m. Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup>  
**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 Aug. 9, 16, 30, and Sept. 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. More on next page . . .

**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

**New for disposable items; slightly used for other items.**



## Children's Ministry (07-25-2010)

"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 – 7.25-8.22.2010

\* Subject to change by the Youth Committee – Meeting every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.

\* Sunday School in the summer (9:30am – 10:15am) Normal ( 9:15am – 10:15am) on Sunday Mornings in the Youth Room

### JULY

25 → Sunday School

28 → ORKS Summer Stretch

28 → LYF GAP: Water Games – bring towel and a change of clothes

### AUGUST

1 → Sunday School

1 → Youth Committee

4 → LYF GAP: Funnel Ball – wear running shoes

8 → *National Youth Gathering Presentation*

11 → LYF GAP: Grill Out/Games Party at Rev. Greg and Teresa Fairrow – Bring meat to grill / side dish / drink

15 → Sunday School

22 → Sunday School – Kaja's Back!

25 → Confirmation Orientation Night

29 → *Rally Day at Mercer Park Aquatic Pavilion – bring your own chairs and lunch wear!*

\* Peach Fundraiser!!!

## Colorado Peach Sales

**Questions Comments:** Call the peach Hot-line #338-5626 x.27 OR **Email:** Peaches.orlc@gmail.com  
ORKS & LYF Families – contact Diana Bowman for helping on Delivery Day.

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## 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!

**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*).

**YOUTH COMMITTEE 2010 – 2011** – We meet on Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, and September 12<sup>th</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 contact President Valerie Kooker for more information.

**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:** 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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Preschool: 338-3949

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## 2010 Board of Elders Congregational Assignments

### Carlin Parish, Chair -- 338-7678

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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.

