



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

Thursday, Sept. 4, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025 at 8:15 & 10:45 AM

10:45 AM Pre-Service Song "Your Love Defends Me"

As We Gather

The Bible doesn't tell us about classes or unique times to teach the faith. We learn from God's Word that parents are to be teaching their children about the Lord constantly; that the Holy Spirit uses Word and Sacrament to bring to faith those who don't know their Savior in Jesus Christ; and that we dare not hinder children from knowing the love of Jesus. Actually, whenever we hear the Word, class is in session. God's Word is always at work in our hearing, producing growth and change, the essence of true learning.

Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025

Christian Education Sunday

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Opening Hymn "Lord, This Day We've Come to
Worship" *LSB* 911

10:45 AM Opening Song "God's Not Dead (Like a Lion)"

Invocation and Verses

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,

C: and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

P: Let the wise hear and increase in learning

C: and the one who understands obtain guidance.

P: Hear, my child, your father's instruction,

C: and forsake not your mother's teaching.

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Hymn of Praise "Christ Be My Leader" *LSB* 861

Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, You have entrusted to Your people
the task of teaching all nations.

**C: Enlighten with the wisdom of Your Holy Spirit those who
teach and those who learn that the joyous truth of the
Gospel may be known in every generation;**

P: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Genesis 12:1–7; 13:18; 15:5–6*
(*after the reading*)...

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Confession & Forgiveness, Part 1

P: Let us confess our failure to heed the instructions of the Lord. We
know that we are to love You, O Lord, with all that we are and have.

**C: We confess that we have been swayed by the "gods" of
this world, wasting more time on acquiring things and**

pleasing ourselves than spending time teaching each other the fear of the Lord. Forgive us.

P: We recognize, gracious God, that You have entrusted us to each other in our families and congregation, where we are to use every means to teach about You and Your infinite mercy in Christ our Lord.

C: We confess that we have listened to the voices of this world drown out Your precious Gospel. Forgive us.

P: For Jesus' sake our heavenly Father has promised us an eternal Promised Land, full of more than physical buildings and food for the stomach. He offers full and free pardon to all who repent and rely on His mercy. Rejoice in the grace and mercy of the Lord our God. **C: Amen.**

Epistle *Hebrews 11:8–10*
(after the reading)...

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Confession & Forgiveness, Part II

P: Let us confess our failure to live out our baptismal faith. O Holy Spirit, we acknowledge with joy the gift of faith bestowed on us through Baptism.

C: But we confess that too often we have not lived as members of the Body of Christ, but only as citizens of this fallen world. Forgive us.

P: We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You have given the promise of salvation to us and our families.

C: But we confess that we have let the promise fade when the cares of this world have loomed over us. Forgive us.

P: God's Word and Sacraments are real! With the faith given you in Holy Baptism, may the Holy Spirit open your ears and hearts to the grace poured out on you. In Christ you are the forgiven children of God. **C: Amen.**

L: Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

Alleluia and Verse

P: Alleluia. For the LORD gives wisdom; **C: from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel *Luke 13:22-30*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord. *(after the reading)...*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Confession & Forgiveness, Part III

P: Let us confess our failure to include everyone --children, adults, friends and strangers -- in our congregation's worship, fellowship, and outreach.

C: We confess that we have been content to have our own needs met. We have preferred ministries and practices that are familiar and comfortable, to those which might be more welcoming and enlightening. Forgive us for our narrowness of vision.

P: We give thanks, Lord Jesus, that You have received us to Your embrace even as You blessed infants and children during Your earthly pilgrimage.

C: By Your Holy Spirit, open our hearts to those whom we have ignored so that we may bring them to hear of Your gracious Word of mercy and forgiveness.

P: As our heavenly Father has used those saints who have gone before us to invite us into His family and instruct us in the truth of His Gospel, so He freely forgives us all our sins and uses us to increase His family of faith. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen. Thanks be to God!**

Giving of the Bibles (3rd graders)

Children's Message & Celebrate Song

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Hymn of the Day "The God of Abraham Praise" *LSB 798*; vrs. 1-4

10:45 Sermon Song "In Christ Alone"

Sermon

New Member Reception

Nicene Creed

Rite of Commitment to Christian Education

P: Our gracious God has worked faith in our hearts so that we may joyfully respond to His will and purpose. Let us therefore commit ourselves to the important task of teaching the truth of the Gospel and deepening the trust we have in Christ, our Savior. Parents, through Moses, God instructs us to teach His Word diligently to our children.

C: We commit ourselves to talk of Jesus when we sit in our house, and when we walk by the way, and when we lie down, and when we rise. *Deuteronomy 6:7*

P: Children, through St. Peter, God tells us that "the promise is for you and for your children." *Acts 2:39*

C: We promise to trust God's Word. For Jesus' sake, He has forgiven all our sins and opened heaven to us. We will not pay attention to the "gods" of the people around us. *Deuteronomy 6:14*

P: Teachers, Jesus rebuked the disciples, telling them and us to "Let the children come to [Him], and ... not hinder them." *Luke 18:16a*

C: We commit ourselves to teaching the children with every means at our disposal so that they will be eager to learn about their Lord, who has declared them to be citizens of His kingdom. *Luke 18:16b*

P: The promise is not only for us and our children. Peter said it is also "for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself." *Acts 2:39*

C: We commit ourselves as a congregation to the ministry of outreach education, inviting our friends and neighbors, our fellow citizens and visitors, to learn about the triune God, His love, mercy, and forgiveness for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: God has promised that His Word "shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it." *Isaiah 55:11* May the Holy Spirit continue to use Word and Sacrament to enable us to keep the commitments we have made this day, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

P: *(after each petition)*...Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

8:15 & 10:45 AM Installation of Teachers

Offering & Attendance / Involvement Cards

Preface

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

The Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. **C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: O Lord Jesus Christ...So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: Amen.**

Distribution

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Distribution Hymns "Be Still, My Soul" *LSB 752*;
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" *LSB 739*;

10:45 AM Communion Songs "Just As I Am (I Come Broken)" and
"Resurrecting"

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P: Let us pray...one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and enable you to serve Him in joy. The Lord make His face to shine on you and open doors of fruitful opportunity to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Closing Hymn "I'm But a Stranger" *LSB 748*

10:45 AM Closing Song "Soul On Fire"

Today we welcome Redeemer's newest members:

✠ By Reaffirmation of Faith, **Ron & Judy Bottger**. 3012 Julia Circle, S. Sioux City, NE 68776. Phone 712-490-5380.

✠ By Transfer, **Marion Jackson**. 6004 Morningside Ave., Lot 3, Sioux City, IA. Phone 712-301-7521.

✠ By Transfer, **Lacey Zameuio and children Anya & Nayeli**. 317 Sergeant Square Dr., Unit 101, Sergeant Bluff, IA. 51054 Phone 712-899-6534.

✠ By Transfer, **James & Billie Williams and children Madison & Morgan**. 1927 S. Pomegranite St., Sioux City, IA. 51106. Phone James 712-535-8072 and Billie 712-535-0586.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Communion is celebrated at Redeemer in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that we may show forth His death until He comes. We ask visitors who are in doubt or hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, to first speak with a pastor.

Our worship services will continue to be available, traditional &/or contemporary, on our website: www.redeemersiouxcity.com or you can like us on Facebook or find us on YouTube.

Children's Bulletins and Quiet Bags are in the back of the church. Please place the Quiet Bags in the plastic container (next to the bags) when finished. Thank You!

Large-Print Bulletins and hearing devices are available from Ushers.

Just a reminder that we welcome prayer requests through our church email: redemerchurchsc@gmail.com. You don't have to be a member to request prayers.

If you would like to give a charitable donation, you may drop off at the church or mail to RLC, 3204 S. Lakeport, Sioux City, IA 51106.

Please stop by Care Corner to sign a *Birthday* card for James Bailey.

Altar Flowers are given by Roger & Rose Petersen in honor of their 51st anniversary.

Today is Rally Sunday - Join us for a day of fun, fellowship, and food as we kick off the new Sunday School year!

The Woodbury County Fair Redeemer Lutheran Food Coop was a tremendous success! Five groups were the benefactors of the profit proceeds: Sioux City LWML Zone, Youth Connect of Sioux City Circuit, Bibi's Hope Orphanage in Africa, Boy Scouts Troop of RLC, and St. Paul's Lutheran School. Each group received \$4,000. Also, a significant portion of profits was kept for continued improvements of the Food Stand. Thanks to everyone for monetary donations, pie ingredients, workers, etc. Each shift was adequately equipped with workers taking orders, grillers, assembly lines, managing pies and canned goods, clean-up, and general help! We thank Chesterman's (coke products), McCormick's distributing of LeMars (ice cream), Dairy Queen (cone shells), Doug Stucky insulating, Kalin's Comfort (AC), and various food companies. A very blessed week! ~~Pastor Zirpel

We are sad to see Garlyn & Mary Lyman's move to the Des Moines area in a few weeks. A reception of cake & coffee between Sunday morning services will be held on Sunday, September 21. Everyone is invited!

There is hope that our pictorial directories might possibly arrive sometime in the middle of this month. Please pray all goes well and no more delays.

LIFELIGHT: Bible study is open to every member. It's a deep study into the book of 1 Corinthians. We meet at Whispering Creek Senior Living at 7:00 pm on Tuesdays. Books are in the back of the church.

Leadership Council: We have a regularly scheduled meeting this coming Thursday, September 11, 2025. Please let Gary Flammang know if you are unable to attend.

New Horizons Band is performing a concert at the Senior Center on Monday, September 7, 1:00 and St. Paul's Lutheran School on Thursday, September 11. You are invited!

LWML: Join Us as we guide our Women's Ministry on Tuesday, September 9th, 6:00 PM, in the conference room.

Women's Morning Bible Study- Wednesday, Sept. 10th, 10:00 AM, Conference Room. Bible Study: Lesson 4 'Receiving Forgiveness' pgs 118-127. Questions contact Jackie Krueger at 712-251-8714

Women's Evening Bible Study – Wednesday, Sept. 10th, 5:30 PM, at Oscar Carl Vineyard. New Bible Study "Leaning on Jesus" A Study of God's Strength. Week 1: '*The Only One Worthy of Our Full Weight*' pgs. 15-18 Questions or topic request contact Tawnya 712-253-3528 or Michaela Uhl 712-870-4299 to acquire a book.

LWML Fall Festival Sioux City Zone (St. Paul Lutheran Church) – Saturday, September 13th, 9:00 AM – Registration. Speaker, Pastor Steven Schultz "Mission to Any and All the World". Luncheon to follow.

LWML-Mission Possible Day. The first \$10,000 donated on September 16th will be matched!

Bickford Memory (North Outer Rd.) will have a Vendor Sale on Thursday, September 18, 4-6 pm. If you are interested in participating with product for the Assisted care givers, family members, & residents, just text/call Deb @ 712.635.8447. ~-Pastor Zirpel

Youth Connect Event - Join us on **Sunday, September 21st** for an afternoon of fun at **Holly View Acres Corn Maze & Pumpkin Patch!** We will meet the Youth Connect churches at the **Fleet Farm parking lot at 1:00 pm.**

- **Cost:** 13 years and up \$8: 5-12 years \$6: 4 and under-Free
- **RSVP:** Please contact Jonathon Bailey at **620-655-5395**

LWML-IWD Fall Retreat – Saturday, September 20th, at Mission Central, Mapleton, IA. Registration - 8:30 AM: Retreat – 9:00 AM-2 PM.

Speaker: Deaconess Sandra Rein (Missionary to Asia, Music Educator).

Activities: Bible study, singing, servant activities, and fellowship.

The deadline to register is September 10th. Registration form and information are on the counter at the back of the Sanctuary.

Youth Connect Bonfire - October 5th 4-7pm: Join us for a fun fall gathering at the **Copenhaver Farm** (19378 310th, Sioux City, IA). All ages are invited for an afternoon filled with **pumpkin carving, hayrides, scarecrow building, a devotion, food, and fellowship!**

- Children under 6th grade must be accompanied by an adult

- Please bring a lawn chair

Come enjoy a wonderful day of family, faith, and fall fun!

Iowa District West Jr. Youth Gathering October 18th–19th | Sheraton Hotel, West Des Moines: All middle school students are invited to this exciting event filled with worship, games, great speakers, and delicious food! It's a fun weekend you won't want to miss—**mark your calendars now!** More information coming soon.

Iowa District West Sr. Youth Gathering November 21st–23rd | Holiday Inn Des Moines Airport Hotel: All High School students are invited to join us for the 2025 Iowa District West Sr. Youth Gathering! This exciting weekend is packed with fun activities, inspiring worship, and opportunities to grow in faith and friendship. **Mark your calendars and make plans to attend—don't miss out!**

Stay Connected in Iowa District West! Want to stay informed about the latest news, events and ministry updates from our district? Subscribe to *The Messenger* - a free monthly publication created to keep us connected as we grow and serve together in Christ. Visit www.iowadistrictwest.org and sign-up by clicking the "Subscribe Now" button under "Stay Connected" at the bottom of our homepage. It's quick and easy!

Time to start saving your Hy-Vee receipts for KinderCottage Preschool!!! All receipts from Sioux City or South Sioux City stores are eligible for the School Bucks program. Receipts **MUST** be dated September 1, 2025 through April 1, 2026. **Receipts for Fuel, Gift Cards or any services offered at Customer Service will not be eligible nor counted toward the receipt totals.** The preschool receives \$1 for every \$100 worth of receipts we turn in. This is an easy way for anyone to support the preschool. Please place any receipts in the bin located in main office marked for Hy-Vee receipts. We greatly appreciate your help!

Steaks are still available for St. Paul's Lutheran School: 2 for \$15, etc. Pies and canned items are available for Redeemer projects. September proceeds will be for St. Paul's Lutheran School, and October proceeds will go to Redeemer LWML projects as they determine, etc. Thanks so much for your support in these projects.

LWML - Religious Greeting Cards available in the East Entrance for all occasions! Single cards \$1.00 or 12 cards for \$10.00. Now Available (South Entrance). Coming in October- *Thanksgiving* cards.

LWML- 'Women Serving in Christ' Bible Study: *Bearing Life's Burden's...Together Devine Times*, page 21 of the Summer 2025 Quarterly. Join us for fellowship and study of God's Word on Thursday, September 18th, 1:00 PM in the Fellowship/Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome!

HELP! We are looking for more help! The music program depends on volunteers. We are wanting to keep our music programs going and strong. This means we need people. You do not need to be a professional musician. Please consider joining the choir. This is an easy way to participate in a church ministry. Other ways to participate are the Exalt band and the bell choir. *Choir and bells start practicing September 3rd.* Please carefully consider how you can help serve your church ministries. You can contact Charity at koehler88keys@gmail.com, or Nate at nathan.klaumann@cune.org

Siouxland Samplers Quilt Guild will be hosting a Quilt Auction and Dessert Bar on **Monday, September 8th in Redeemer's gym.** This fundraiser event is open to the public. Doors open at 5:30 PM, auction starts at 6:30 PM. Decorate your home with small quilted items or start your Christmas shopping with hand-made one-of-a-kind gifts. Proceeds are used for programming, speakers, and classes for guild meetings. Visit Siouxland Samplers Quilt Guild on Facebook to see pictures of items to be auctioned.

SERVING THIS WEEK- (September 4 & 7, 2025): **USHERS:** **Thursday 6:30 PM-** Harlan & Mary Feddersen (Al & Melissa Joens, Shelly Fergan, Mike Searls). **Sunday 8:15 AM- Team 1** (Alex Erickson, Marc Benson, Larry Nelson, Jerry Van Peurse). **10:45 AM- Team 5** (Mark Boyd, Kirk Campbell, Andrew Cambell, Preston Marsh). **GREETERS:** **8:15 AM-** Aaron & Tawnya Becker; **10:45 AM-** Scott & Beth Bowman. **ACOLYTES:** **8:15 AM-** Victoria Peterson & Sienna Karrer; **10:45 AM-** Brody Goldsmith & Eliana Engel. **TECHNOLOGIST:** **Thurs. 6:30 PM-** Tim Young; **Sun. 8:15 AM-** Jordan Fisher; **10:45 AM-** . Temperance Thomason **COUNTING TEAM:** **3-** Bobolz's & Schmith's. **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** Dale & Nadine Henningsen

SERVING NEXT WEEK- (September 11 & 14, 2025): **USHERS:** **Same as last week.** **GREETERS:** **8:15 AM-** Dick & Deanna Braun; **10:45 AM-** Kirk & Angela Campbell. **ACOLYTES:** **8:15 AM-** Victoria Peterson & Sienna Karrer; **10:45 AM-** Kennedy Robinson & Hayden Kunze. **TECHNOLOGIST:** **Thurs. 6:30 PM-** Tim Young; **Sun. 8:15 AM-** TBD; **10:45 AM-** Temperance Thomason. **COUNTING TEAM:** **4-** Fink & Buckley. **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** TBD

Record of Our Discipleship: Week Ending August 31, 2025

Worship Attendance: Sunday, 42+142+105=289 (26%)

Adult Bible Study: 30; Summer Sunday: N/A

Sudanese: 9

<u>Date</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Budgeted Income</u>	<u>%</u>
Aug. 24, 2025	\$19,308	\$15,548	124%
Year-to-date	\$492,877	\$547,048	90%

Building Fund Income:

Year-to-date	Weekly Income	Total
\$4,385	\$275	\$4,660

New Sound System Income:

Year-to-date	Weekly Income	Remaining
\$11,550	\$0	\$113,550

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Rally Day/Christian

Education Sunday

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship w/Holy
Communion

Noon: Potluck

9:45 AM Adult Bible Study
9:30 AM Adult Confirmation
Instruction for Membership
1:00 PM Sudanese Worship

Monday, September 8, 2025

No Adult Fitness or Pickleball

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

No Staff /Bible Study Mtg
5:00 PM Aktion Meal/MWM
6:00 PM LWML Board Mtg

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

10:00 AM Women's Bible Study in
Conference Rm
5-5:40 PM Midweek Meal- *Hot Dogs*
5:00-7 PM Midweek & ROCK
Wednesday – *Sertoma Park*
5:30 PM Women's Bible Study at
Oscar Carl Vineyard
6:00 PM Handbell Practice
7:15 PM Adult Choir Practice
7:30-9 PM Youth Group

Thursday, September 11, 2025

5:30 PM Adult Fitness
6:00 PM BSF Bible Study
6:30 PM Worship Service
7:30 PM Leadership Council Mtg

Friday, September 12, 2025

9 AM- Noon Food Shelf

Saturday, September 13, 2025

9:00 AM LWML Fall Festival at *St. Paul's*

Sunday, September 14, 2025

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Services
9:30 AM ROCK Sunday
9:45 AM Adult Bible Study
9:30 AM Adult Confirmation
Instruction for Membership
1:00 PM Sudanese Worship