

"It's Only Impossible when You Leave God Out"

Has this ever happened to you? You're looking for something that you need. Maybe it's a pen, maybe you are working out in the garden, and you need a tool, or maybe it's an important document you need for your estate planning. Whatever it is, you are searching the whole house for it. You know you have it, and you know it's in the house, but try as you might, you can't find it. So after a while you give up. During the course of your day, you go to get something else that you need, and you open up a drawer, or a cabinet, and what do you know? There is the item that you had been tearing the house apart looking for!

This has happened to me more than once. I'll be looking for something that I need, and I can't find it. I go nuts trying to find it until I finally give up. Then I find it when I'm not looking for it!

This can transfer over into our Christian lives as well. The whole time that I was looking for whatever it was I was looking for, I was doing so with my own effort. I expended a lot of energy, and possibly worry if it was something important, because I

wasn't finding any success. It wasn't until I had given up on my own efforts to find the item, that the item was then found.

Sometimes we do that with the things that God is doing in our lives. God may ask us to do something, and we are obedient and do it, but sometimes the problem is that we try to do it ourselves. It's like we tell God, "Hey, that's a good idea, I'll take it from here." God is our idea Man, and we'll be the ones to put that idea into action. Has that worked for anyone? It hasn't for me. I find that when I try to do things on my own, I tend to put a lot of effort into something, and it generally tends to not work out the way I thought it would, and I'll get frustrated, or I worry about the outcome because it's not going the way I thought it would. And in some cases, I'll outright fail because I tried to do it my way.

God will ask us to do things for Him. God takes pleasure in using us to accomplish His will. That's what we were created for. He will ask us to step out in faith to do some things

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that we think are impossible. They will only become impossible if we leave Him out of it. But if we do things as He asks us to, and we rely and wait on Him to do them through us, His way, and in His time, then all things are possible. Psalm 37:5 says, **"Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and He will do this"**. David says for us to commit our way to the Lord. He didn't say; commit to the Lord and do it your way. What David is saying here is for us to commit the way we do things to the way that the Lord says to do them, and the second part says to trust Him, and HE, not we, but He will do it. When we allow God to do through us the things He wants to get done, anything is possible. In Luke 18:27 Jesus says, **"What is impossible with men is possible with God"**. And in Matthew 19 a rich man approaches Jesus and asks how he can have eternal life. After telling him he must keep the commandments, the man says that he does. Then Jesus tells him to go sell all he has and come back and follow Him. The man goes away sad and doesn't come back. He can't do it. The point is that we can't do what it takes to save ourselves. The disciples then ask who can be saved? In Matthew 19:26 Jesus answers, **"With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible"**. It's Jesus' answer that I want to focus on because it doesn't just apply to our salvation. Jesus says that with God **ALL** things are possible.

God gives us some things to do that we can do under our own power. But God gives us some things to do that we can't do on our own. We need Him to do it through us. And some things He does all on His own, He only asks us to take a step of faith to get the ball rolling, and He will take care of the rest. We need to seek God out and ask Him what our role in His plan is. Does He want us to take the lead? Does He want us to be willing to do the things He asks us to do and do them His way? Or does He want us to start something for Him and then back off and let Him work? No matter what He asks us to do, remember that all things are possible when God is a part of it.

Pastor Zirpel

Matthew 28:19-20

**GO THEREFORE AND MAKE
DISCIPLES OF ALL THE NATIONS,
BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME
OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON
AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

MATTHEW 28:19

2026-'27 Confirmation Year Begins Sept. 2



Confirmation starts soon at Redeemer. This program is for 6th, 7th & 8th graders, and attendance is required to be confirmed. *Parents and students, please note several important dates:*

Confirmation Classes & Activities

CONFIRMATION SUPPLY LIST

(Students should bring these items every Wednesday to class):

- **Bible** (Redeemer members receive 'Faith Alive' Bible as gift in 3rd grade; also available for purchase in church office or at orientation for \$35.00)
- **Luther's Small Catechism** (members receive as gift in 6th grade; also available in office/orientation for \$25.00)
- **Applying Luther's Catechism** (7th graders & new students are required to purchase this workbook at \$25.00, which is used for two years)
- **Memory work for the week**
- **Pen or Pencil**

- **Parent/Student Orientation: 7 PM Wednesday, August 26, Parish Hall.** All parents and students are asked to attend this essential meeting that helps us kick off the year. We will review Confirmation requirements, the year's schedule, offer sign-up times for acolyting and sell meal tickets for Wednesday meals. If unable to attend this meeting, let either pastor know in advance, if possible.

- **Confirmation Classes each Wednesday beginning September 2nd.** This includes memory work and meal time from 5:00 to 5:40 PM, with class 5:40-7 PM. Class includes opening, lecture, and quiz. Students should bring items listed in box (left) to all sessions.

The 2026-'27 Confirmation schedule is posted at www.redeemersiouxcity.com. Questions? Please see either pastor. We look forward to another great year!

~ Pastor Senstad & Pastor Zirpel
& Jonathon Bailey, DCE

IS THERE A THIRD GRADER IN YOUR HOUSE?

At Redeemer, we have a special tradition of marking members' third-grade year with the gift of a *Faith Alive* Student Bible. This year's presentation is scheduled at our 10:45 AM worship service on **Rally Sunday, Sept. 13**. We don't want to miss anyone! Please let us know if you have a third grader so we make sure to include your student on this special day! Call 276-1125, e-mail redemerchurchsc@gmail.com, or stop in office and let us know. Thanks!



Redeemer Lutheran Church's 100th Anniversary Celebration

"Rooted in Christ, Growing in Hope"

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday: September 20, 2026

Join us for Worship at 8:15am or 10:45am.

Meal at 12 noon. **RSVP by August 16th.**

Menu includes: *Sauerbraten, Broasted Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Coleslaw and Orange Tapioca Salad, Roll and Ice Cream cup.*

Special Afternoon Service: 2pm with guest, Pastor Paul Sieveking, sharing the message. Cake reception following special service.

**RSVP — Redeemer Lutheran's 100th Anniversary
Meal Sunday, September 20, 2026 at 12:00 Noon**

Name(s): _____

Number attending: _____

Free-will offering. Please return to the church office or offering plate by August 16, 2026.

Anniversary Celebration Helpers Needed on Saturday and Sunday, September 19th and 20th for preparation, serving, and clean-up. Sign-Up Sheet in fellowship hall.

T-Shirt Sales with 100th Anniversary Theme

T-Shirt sales will be available before and after church services. Order Forms available. Cash or Check accepted.

Adult T-Shirt Information:

ADULT COLOR CHOICES: Military Green, Royal Blue, Raspberry, Grey

Short Sleeve Shirt: \$20 (Add \$2 for 2XL, \$3 for 3XL)

Long Sleeve Shirt: \$22 (Add \$2 for 2XL, \$3 for 3XL)

Kids T-Shirt Information:

Kids Short Sleeve: \$18- Colors: Military Green and Royal Blue

Kids Long Sleeve: \$20- Colors: Black and White

Sunday: August 23, 2026

Youth/Congregation 100th Anniversary Celebration Event

We will be making cloth bandages to be sent over to Africa. Everyone bring a pizza of your liking to share for noon potluck. Drinks will be provided.

Come and enjoy the fellowship and mission work.

REDEEMER BITS OF HISTORY 1926-1949

The Mission Board of the Iowa District had been petitioned in 1925 by St. Paul's Lutheran to place a city missionary here. They agreed and extended a call to Rev. H. Otten, who was installed on March 21, 1926, at St. Paul's Lutheran. Morningside was canvassed and Rev. Otten conducted the group's first service at Peters Park Theater on Easter Sunday, April 4, 1926, with 43 in attendance.

On June 6, 1926, several St. Paul's members were granted a peaceful release to the new Morningside congregation. A total of 65 adults and children, most of them from St. Paul's Lutheran, constituted the congregation at Redeemer Lutheran Church's founding on June 20, 1926. A building site at 4115 Orleans Avenue was purchased in 1927. A one-story church with a seating capacity of 150 was designed by Knute E. Westerlind (architect of St. Paul's Church) at a cost of \$10,000.00.

Texas Pastor Will Conduct M. S. Services

"Hopeless yet Hopeful" will be the theme of a sermon by Rev. A. Rost, of Houston, Tex., at the Sunday morning service of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran church in the Park theater in Morningside. Mrs. Rost, who was formerly Miss Edith Jordan, of this city, will sing a solo. Sunday school will convene at 9:15 a. m.

August 13, 1926
Sioux City Journal

signatures	signatures
Prof. Giesemann ✓	Mrs. Froelich
Mr. W. A. Fischer ✓	Mrs. J. H. Fallon
W. P. Giesemann ✓	Margaret Fallon
Mr. & Mrs. Overholser	
2. Kuster	W. B. Bremer
Mrs. Schmelke	Mrs. H. B. Bremer
Hans Schmiedler	Emily Schmiedler
City Schmiedler	Margaret Schmiedler
Detwiler G. Smith	Emily Schmiedler
Alfred A. Wolff	Barthelme Scher
Arthur Wolff	Louise Bartelt
Kilpelor Wolff	H. C. Lemmon & Emily
Edward Schmiedler	Emily & son
Mrs. A. W. Phinney	
Mrs. R. J. Giesemann	
Mrs. Wm. Giesemann	
Mrs. E. C. Johnson	
Mrs. Schmelke	

The June 6, 1926 list of voting and communicant St. Paul's members granting a peaceful dismissal from the mother congregation to join and take up their Christian duties in the new Morningside congregation to be founded

NEW CHURCH IN MORNINGSIDE

**Redeemer Evangelical
Lutheran Building to
Cost \$10,000.**

Construction of a \$10,000 frame church at 4115 Orleans avenue by the congregation of the Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran church will start at once.

The building permit for the new building has been issued by the city and work will be started by O. B. Gronlund, contractor. The church will be a one-story structure, and will have ground dimensions of 60 feet by 30 feet.

The main floor of the church will be used as the auditorium with a furnace room and rooms for social activities in the basement.

December 2, 1927
Sioux City Journal

Redeemer News and Events

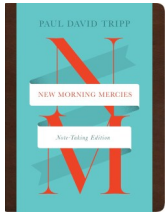
Fresh Vegetables & Fruits Wanted for Redeemer Food Shelf

Each Friday, the Redeemer Food Shelf is open from 9 AM to Noon. If you have extra produce from your home garden, please consider bringing to Redeemer for the families that visit our Food Shelf. Produce can be brought to Redeemer anytime on Thursday or on Friday before 9 AM. Thank you for helping us help others in our community! Questions, please see Angie DuBois.

Giving Statements

Quarterly Giving Statements for members have been mailed. If you did not receive one, if you need an additional copy, or if yours has errors or omissions, please come see Angie in the office. Thank you!

Upcoming Bible Study



Starting this Fall, NEW MORNING MERCIES Bible study will be offered. There will be daily engaging readings leading off with a compelling, gospel-centered thought, followed by an extended meditation for the day. These readings and corresponding Bible passages will be discussed on **Wednesdays** starting at **5:45-7 PM**. It is the goal that this study will help people encounter our living God and equip them with the good news that they need to trust in God's goodness, rely on his grace, and live for his glory-day in and day out. This 11-session course will begin **Sept. 9-Nov. 18**. For more information or to sign up text or call Curt Green.



**GOLF
DAY**

***St. Paul's Lutheran School* Annual **GOLF** Outing**

FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE

Sunday, August 16, 2026: Tee Off at 1:00 PM
Registration: \$90 Per Person
Call 712-258-6325 to Register
(2101 Military Rd, Sioux City, IA)

DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

Tickets: \$20 Adult \$10 Children Under 12
(612 Jennings St, Sioux City, IA)



August 3rd through August 9th Merville, IA

As you make plans for rides, exhibits, entertainment, and all the fun the fair has to offer, be sure to stop by *Redeemer Lutheran Food Co-op* for a delicious meal! From hearty favorites to homemade treats, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Come hungry, bring your friends and family, and help support a great community tradition. We Can't wait to see you at the fair!

Six Organizations Will Benefit:

Monday/Tuesday—Lamplighters
Wednesday—Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML)
Thursday—Sioux City Youth Connect
Friday—Bibi's Hope
Saturday—Boy Scouts
Sunday—St. Paul's Lutheran School

OPEN: Monday & Tuesday 7AM-3PM, Wednesday-Sunday 7AM-7PM

GRANDSTAND EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5 - 7:30 P.M. – PRCA RODEO

GENERAL ADMISSION \$20 (ADULT), \$5 (YOUTH 5-11) – PITS \$25

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6 - 7:30 P.M.

(KIDS DAY 11 AND UNDER—ADMITTED FREE ALL DAY)

PRCA RODEO—GENERAL ADMISSION \$20 (ADULT), \$5 (YOUTH 5-11) – PITS \$25

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 - 7:30 P.M.

(65 YEARS & OLDER ADMITTED FREE)

**(MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY—ALL VETERANS OF ARMED FORCES
& ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL ADMITTED FREE)**

DYLAN SCOTT CONCERT—SPECIAL GUEST KC BRUNER

GENERAL ADMISSION (ALL AGES) \$48.50 (PRICE INCREASE 8/1-\$53.50)
GOLD CIRCLE (ALL AGES) \$78.50

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 - 7:00 P.M. – OUTLAW TRUCK & TRACTOR PULL

GENERAL ADMISSION \$20 (ADULT), \$5 (YOUTH 5-11) – PITS \$25

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 - 6:30 P.M.— R&R TOTAL DESTRUCTION PROMOTIONS
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Redeemer Family News & Events

(see DCE Jonathon Bailey if you have Questions)

100th CELEBRATION SERVICE PROJECT: Join us as we celebrate 100



years of Redeemer Lutheran Church with a special Service Project, **Sunday, Aug. 23rd!** We are aiming for **100 volunteers** to roll bandages for 100 minutes—and we need all hands-on deck to make it happen!

The day will begin with a **Pizza Potluck at 1:00 PM.** Please bring your favorite large pizza to share as we gather for food and fellowship. At 1:30 PM, we will head to the gym and start the clock for our 100-minute service project. During this time, we will work together to tear sheets and roll them into bandages. Our goal is to make as many as possible in those 100 minutes. These bandages will be sent to Global Health Ministries, where they will ultimately be used to provide care in war-torn regions of Africa. Please sign up at the back of the church to participate. Come be part of this meaningful way to celebrate Redeemer's 100-year legacy of faith, service, and community!

HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS & STUDENTS: You're invited to join us for a **Dinner & Orientation Meeting on Wednesday, August 26th, from 5:30 –6:30 PM** in the **Gym.** We'll enjoy a meal together and go over important information for the upcoming year. There will be a few forms to fill out, and this is a great time to ask any questions you might have. **Please let me know if you're planning to attend** — call or text to RSVP. Looking forward to seeing you there!

FAMILY EVENT– EXPLORERS BASEBALL GAME: Join us for a fun Evening at the Explorers Baseball Game! **Date:** Friday, August 28th,

- **Time:** 6:30 PM - **Cost:** \$24 per adult ticket - \$19 Per Student 12 and under
- **Who:** Families, friends, and guests are all welcome!
- We will sit at the party Deck on the Left Foul Line.
- Buffet will include Hamburgers, Hotdogs, and Brats with Chips and cookies.



Drinks include Pepsi products and bottled water. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary to reserve your tickets. **Deadline to sign up is August 17th.**



*"From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Lord is to be praised!"*

~ Psalm 113:3



CALENDAR OF EVENTS – August 2026



'Women Serving in Christ' will resume meeting September 2026

Tues.	6:00 PM	LWML Board Mtg	Conference Rm
Aug. 4	<i>All are invited to attend</i>		
Wed.	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	Conference Rm
Aug. 12	<i>"Great Pray-ers of the Bible"</i>		
Wed.	5:30 PM	Women's Evening Bible Study	Oscar Carl Vineyard
Aug. 12	<i>Single Topic Devotion/Study—& Fellowship TBD</i>		
Sat.	9:00 AM	Jesus and Java	Koffie Knechtion
Aug. 22	419 Golf Rd., S. Sioux City, NE		
Wed.	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	Conference Rm
Aug. 26	<i>"Great Pray-ers of the Bible"</i>		
Wed.	5:30 PM	Women's Bible Study	Oscar Carl Vineyard
Aug. 26	<i>Single Topic Devotion/Study & Fellowship TBD</i>		



August 5, 2026 (Wednesday) LWML Woodbury County Fair – Food Booth

September 12th, 2026 (Saturday) Fall Fun at Oak Tree Farm and Gardens

September 19th, 2026 IWD Fall Retreat – Perry Lutheran Homes

October 17th, 2026 - Sioux City Zone Fall Rally at Faith TBA

July 8 - 11, 2027 42nd Biennial LWML Convention Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

*All women of the congregation are invited to participate in any of the events.
Please join us as we "Serve the Lord with Gladness" Psalms 100:2*



Redeemer LWML Facebook page.... Anyone who scans the QR code will see the group's About page and can ask to join.

August 2026



Wednesday August 5th



Please Sign Up to Volunteer and/or provide a pie(s):

Volunteers

9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Pies

Cherry
Apple
Peach
Pecan

\$20 donation for Pie

Sign Up Sheet – South Entrance

Come Join Us

Jesus & Java

Saturday, August 22nd 2026
9:00 am

Grab a cup of your favorite morning starter and stay for devotion and fellowship time together.

Koffie Knechtion

419 Golf Rd, South Sioux City, NE



Save the Date

Fall Fun
At
Oak Tree Farm & Gardens

Saturday
September 12th, 2026



Sunday

2 † SEE EVERY SUNDAY
8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship
9:30 AM Summer Sunday School
9:30 AM Adult Confirmation
9:45 AM Adult Bible Study
1:00-3 PM Sudanese Worship
4:00 PM Youth Committee Mtg

9 SEE EVERY SUNDAY
7 AM-7 PM Woodbury County Fair
St. Paul's Lutheran School
8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship
9:30 AM Summer Sunday School
9:30 AM Adult Confirmation
9:45 AM Adult Bible Study
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1 PM St. Paul's- Golf Tournament

23 Food Sunday
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9:45 AM Adult Bible Study
1:00-3 PM Sudanese Worship
1:00 PM Redeemer's 100th Celebration Service Project

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9:45 AM Adult Bible Study
1:00-3 PM Sudanese Worship

Monday

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7 AM-7 PM Woodbury County Fair-Free Parking & Entrance Fee
5:30 PM Adult Fitness
6:30 PM Pickleball

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5:30 PM Adult Fitness
6:30 PM Pickleball

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5:30 PM Adult Fitness
6:30 PM Pickleball

24 First Day of School for Sioux City
5:30 PM Adult Fitness
6:30 PM Pickleball

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5:30 PM Adult Fitness
6:30 PM Pickleball

Tuesday

4 7 AM-7 PM Woodbury County Fair-Free Parking & Entrance Fee
10:30 AM Staff Bible Study/Mtg
6 PM LWML Mtg

11 10 AM Devotions at Bickford Assist.
10:45 AM Bickford Memory w/Pastor Zirpel
10:30 AM Staff Bible Study/Mtg
2:00 PM New Horizons Band at Northern Hills

18 10:30 AM Staff Bible Study/Mtg
11 AM Retired Educators Meal/MWM

25 10:30 AM Staff Bible Study/Mtg
5 PM Aktion Meal/MWM
6-7 PM Back-to School for T/TH Preschool
6:30 PM LWML Zone Mtg- St. Paul's

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 7 AM-7 PM Woodbury County Fair—LWML Sioux City Zone 9:30 AM Lamplighters at Redeemer 6:30 PM Last Day for Summer Youth Group	6 7 AM-7 PM Woodbury County Fair—Sioux City Circuit Youth (Children 11 yrs & under Admitt. Free) 6:30 PM- Worship Service 6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study	7 7 AM-7 PM Woodbury County Fair—Bibi's Hope (Seniors 65 yrs & older and Veterans & Active Duty—Admitt. Free) 9-n noon Food Shelf	1 8 7 AM-7 PM Woodbury County Fair—Boy Scouts 7:30 AM RED M&M's Breakfast & Bible Study
12 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study—Redeemer Conf. Rm 5:30 PM Women's Bible Study—Oscar Carl Vineyard	13 6:30 PM Worship w/Holy Communion 7:30 PM Leadership Council Mtg	14 9-n noon Food Shelf 2:00 PM New Horizons Band at North Park	15
19 10:30 AM Devotions w/Pastor Senstad at Whispering Creek	20 10 AM Thrivent Choice 6:30 PM Worship	21 9-n noon Food Shelf 2:00 PM New Horizons Band at Regency South S. City	22 9 AM Jesus & Java at Koffie Knechtion
26 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study—Redeemer Conf. Rm 5:30 PM Women's Bible Study—Oscar Carl Vineyard 5:30 PM High School Orientation NO—ROCK Wednesday Orientation 6-7 PM Back-to-School M/W/F Preschool 7 PM Orientation for Confirmation Students & Parents	27 1:00 PM Altar Guild 6:30 PM Worship No Elders Mtg	28 9-n noon Food Shelf 6:30 PM Family Event-Explorers Game	29

EVERY SUNDAY: (✠ = Holy Communion Sunday)

8:15 AM: Traditional Worship; **10:45 AM** Contemporary Worship

9:45 AM: Summer Sunday School; **9:30 AM:** Adult Bible Study

1:00-3 PM Sudanese Worship; **Website:** redeemersiouxcity.com

Facebook: RedeemerLC; **Youtube:** Redeemer Lutheran Church Sioux City



Faith Fuels the Heart, Reading Fuels the Mind

Redeemer Library Committee:

Michelle Callahan, Lisa Gottburg,
& Andrea Van Peurse



Catching the Wind

by Melanie Dobson

Daniel and ten-year-old Brigitte escaped the Gestapo agents who arrested both their parents. They survived a harrowing journey from Germany to England, only to be separated upon their arrival. Daniel vowed to find Brigitte after the war, a promise he has fought to fulfill for more than seventy years. Now a wealthy old man, Daniel's final hope in finding Brigitte rests with Quenby Vaughn, an American journalist. Though Quenby is wrestling her own demons—and wary at the idea of teaming up with Daniel's lawyer, Lucas Hough—the lure of Brigitte's story is too much to resist. Together, Quenby and Lucas delve deep into the past, following a trail of deception, sacrifice, and healing that could change all of their futures.

Summer's End: Northern Intrigue #3

by Lyn Cote

Steadfast, WI, has spent the last six years raising funds to help a medical student stay in med school. In return, the student contracted to practice medicine in the local clinic for the next six years. Kirsi is a dedicated doctor and a dutiful child. Her counterpart, known as Dr. Doug, is the same. And his 80-something grandfather deserves to retire. But all is overshadowed by events. A teen nearly dies and then vanishes from the hospital. An anonymous dead body turns up. In the midst of a dangerous new situation in town, will they take a moment to discover what God wants for them and for their town?

Parents, Kids & Sports: Making the Experience Positive

by Bernie Schock

The author draws from his personal background as father, grandfather, professor, and author and provides insights into how parents can support their children effectively in athletic pursuits without creating pressure or frustration. The book highlights the psychological and emotional impact of sports on children, tips for managing parental expectations, encourages balanced ethical sportsmanship, and strategies to navigate common challenges and conflicts that arise in youth sports environments.



Wild Grace: What Happens When Grace Happens

by Max Lucado

Max Lucado explains that if teens let God's grace change them, shape them, and strengthen them, their lives will never be the same. Today's teens are being shaped by the pressures and disappointments of the world. But Max encourages them to take a close look at what can shape their hearts and their futures from the inside out—God's grace.

Free Byrd (Book on CD)

by Paul Byrd, John Smoltz

Cleveland Indians pitcher Paul



Byrd gives an honest account of how he has kept his faith in God despite all the trials and temptations associated with the Major league Baseball lifestyle. Paul Byrd has experienced many struggles, victories, and life lessons both on the diamond and off. Throughout his life, the one thing that has kept him focused on walking clean is the glimpses he has received of God's goodness. Paul's life was changed through the lessons he was taught, and how he discovered a freedom he never imagined through a dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ.

The Bowden Way (Book on CD)

by Bobby Bowen, Steve Bowden

As head football coach at

Florida State, Bobby Bowden



has won two national championships and compiled an astounding resume of all-time credentials. Filled with personal anecdotes, famous names, and fascinating stories, The Bowden Way promises to be the leadership book that will redefine the game. With lessons from his years of coaching, this book puts readers inside the mind of a legend in modern sports.

Desert Secrets

by Lisa Harris

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When Lexi Shannon is abducted at gunpoint in Mali, she quickly learns her kidnappers are really after her brother—and the money he's stolen. Landing at the secluded desert compound, ex-military pilot Colton Landry has a clear mission: rescue his brother, who's being held for ransom. But after discovering the kidnappers also have Lexi, there's no way he's leaving her behind. Their daring escape soon turns into a deadly chase when their plane is shot down, stranding them in the desert. Making a desperate run for the Moroccan border, Lexi and Colton must trust each other and rely on their strength and ingenuity to survive.

LARGE PRINT

The Water Keeper: Murphy Shepherd #1

by Charles Martin

Murphy Shepherd is a man with many secrets. He lives alone on an island, tending the grounds for a church with no parishioners, and he's dedicated his life to rescuing those in peril. When he pulls a beautiful woman named Summer out of Florida's Intracoastal Waterway, Murph's mission to lay his mentor to rest at the end of the world takes a dangerous turn. With help from some unexpected new friends, including a faithful Labrador he plucks from the ocean and an ex-convict named Clay, Murph must race against the clock to locate the girl before he is consumed by the secrets of his past.

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The Dog Who Was There

by Ron Marasco

No one expected Barley to have an encounter with the Messiah. He was homeless, hungry, and struggling to survive in first century Jerusalem. Most surprisingly, he was a dog. But through Barley's eyes, the story of a teacher from Galilee comes alive in a way we've never experienced before. Barley's story begins in the home of a compassionate woodcarver and his wife who find Barley as an abandoned, nearly-drowned pup. Tales of a special teacher from Galilee are reaching their tiny village, but when life suddenly changes again for Barley, he carries the lessons of forgiveness and love out of the woodcarver's home and through the dangerous roads of Roman occupied Judea. Barley is swept up into the current of history, culminating in an unforgettable encounter with the truest master of all as he bears witness to the greatest story ever told.

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Cooking with Pastor Senstad

After watching way too many hours of *The Great British Bake Off*, I decided I should throw a little love toward baking. Here is a classic recipe for a **Lemon loaf**.

Ingredients:

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp salt
1 1/4 cups granulated sugar
3 tbsp fresh lemon juice
1 tbsp grated lemon zest
1/2 cup whole milk, room temp
4 eggs, room temp
3/4 cup unsalted butter, softened

3 tbsp vegetable oil
1 tbsp vanilla bean paste
2 tsp baking powder
For the lemon glaze icing:
1 cup powdered sugar
1-2 tbsp lemon juice
Splash of milk
1 tsp lemon zest

Directions:

Preheat your oven to 350°F (175°C).

Grease and line a loaf pan with parchment paper.

In a bowl, whisk together, flour, salt, baking powder. Set aside.

In a bowl, combine, granulated sugar, Lemon zest. Use your fingers to rub them together until the sugar feels slightly moist and fragrant. Add the softened butter and beat until light and fluffy (about 3–4 minutes). Add the oil and mix until combined.

Add the eggs and mix until the batter is smooth. Then, mix in the vanilla bean paste and milk. Finally, add the lemon juice and mix everything together until well combined.

Add the dry ingredients, Mix on low speed until just combined. Do not overmix.

Transfer the batter to the prepared loaf pan and smooth the top. Bake for 50–60 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.

If the top browns too quickly, tent loosely with foil during the final 10–15 minutes. Allow the loaf to cool in the pan for 10–15 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

In a small bowl, whisk together powdered sugar and lemon juice, milk until smooth and pourable.

Adjust consistency as needed. Stir in lemon zest if desired. Once the loaf is completely cool, drizzle the glaze evenly over the top. Allow the glaze to set before slicing.

Enjoy and God Bless ~ **Pastor Senstad**

June 2026 Statistics

Date	Church Attendance	Communion Attendance	Bible Study	Sunday School	Sudanese Attend.
6/7	279	252	17	17	6
6/14	264	n/a	24	14	n/a
6/21	331	281	20	10	n/a
6/28	266	n/a	24	11	n/a
TOTAL	1,140	533	85	52	6
AVG	285	267	21	13	6
PERCENT	26%	24%	2%	1%	1%
PRIOR YR.	26%	22%	3%	2%	2%

Membership:	6/2025	6/2026
Communicants	889	885
Baptized	221	218
TOTAL	1,110	1,103

Treasurer's Report Jan.1– June 30, 2026

Actual income:	\$394,435
Budgeted Income:	\$424,014
Difference:	\$29,578
Percentage:	93%
Actual Expenses:	\$396,709

August 2026 Missionary

Come and meet Rev. Brian and Deaconess Keah Payne at mission central August 15. Listen to their stories of ministry in Tanzania in the continent of Africa.

August Bible Verse

“Fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” *Isaiah 41:10*

June 2026

Baptism:

✠ Eva Sudtelgte

Death:

✠ Jeannette Johnson

✠ Bev Baker

Dear Redeemer Members & Friends

Thanks to all those who keep Redeemer's lawn looking so great! The flowers, trees, grass, the whole landscape!! We appreciate your work!

Redeemer Church,
Congratulations on 100 years of ministry to people. Blessings to the 40 years you helped me while I lived in my house next door to the church. ~~ Mary Martin



Canned Goods for Various Mission Projects!

Dill Pickles: Pints (\$6) and Quarts (\$8). We have over 40 different flavors of *Jams & Jellies* (\$6): Mix & Match: \$6 each or 5 for \$25 or \$8 each or 5 for \$35. *Pints of pickles are a new item because of requests.

JAMS & JELLIES



Aronia Jam
Aronia Blueberry Jam
Aronia Berry Rhubarb
Aronia Jalapeno Jam

Aronia Peach Jam
Aronia Rhbarb Jam
Blackberry Jalapeno Jam
Blackberry Jam & Jelly
Blueberry Jam
Blueberry Rhubarb
Cherry Jalapeno Jam
Cherry Rhubarb Jam
Choke Cherry Jelly
Elderberry Jelly
Fruit Juice Jalapeno Jam
Fruit Juice Jelly
Ginger Rhubarb Jam
Gooseberry Jam & Jelly
Gooseberry Jalapeno Jam
Gooseberry Rhubarb Jam
Red Currant Jelly

Red Raspberry Jam
Red Raspberry Rhubarb Jalapeno
Red Raspberry Rhubarb Jam
Rhubarb Aronia Jalapeno Jam
Rhubarb Jam
Rhubarb Jalapeno Jam
Strawberry Jalapeno Jam
Strawberry Jam
Strawberry Rhubarb Jalapeno Jam
Strawberry Rhubarb Jam
Tart Cherry Jam
Wild Grape Jelly
Wild Plum Jam & Jelly
Wild Plum Jalapeno Jam
Wild Plum Rhubarb Jam
Wild Raspberry Jam
Wild Raspberry Rhubarb Jam
Wild Raspberry Rhubarb Jalapeno



PICKLES

*Hamburger Sweet Dill Pickles
*Dill Pickles

thrivent NEW THRIVENT CHOICE CHANGES!

In Mid-April, Choice Dollars were designated up front as a single annual lump sum. Members can now direct their full amount anytime between now and December 31, instead of after each quarter. Now, ALL Thrivent members receive Choice Dollars, expanding the reach of generosity. Call 1-800-847-4836 or go online to direct your Choice Dollars. Thank you for your support for this program at Redeemer.

Bibi's Hope Update

A Story of God's Orchestration: Minister Deb Mechler from Spencer, Iowa and Bibi Sangho from Mali, Africa

Last month, we shared how God brought Bibi and Deb together across continents and grew their friendship in unexpected ways. What happened next showed Deb even more clearly that God had a purpose for connecting their lives.

(Shared by Deb, with a few clarifying edits by Bibi's Hope.)

It feels as though God brought Bibi and me together from across the globe. Even though we didn't talk often, our hearts were always close. Ours was a mutually life-giving connection.



One story stands out as having God's hand all over it. At one point, some of Bibi's neighbors were hostile toward her and her family. They threw rocks at her and her daughters, who felt their lives were in danger. Bibi and her youngest daughters fled the country temporarily.

My husband and I were driving down the highway when I got a desperate Whatsapp message from Bibi. They had landed in Accra, Ghana, and did not know where to go next. God knows why she decided to call me for help! The Spirit had to be at work. I told Bibi that I knew the Luke Society African Director who lived in Accra. We had shared many hours riding together in the bush of northwestern Mali. I would contact him to see if he could help.

All I had was an email address for John, the LS director. I described the situation to him, hoping he would see my message soon. Only moments later I got a reply. He was at a Luke Society conference in the Philippines, and Doug and his wife (from Deb's church in Spencer, Iowa) were standing next to him! John gave me his brother's phone number and told me that he would find a place for Bibi. I passed the message along and later learned that they had found a safe haven thanks to John's brother.

What an amazing experience, to serve as the go-between for my soul friend and someone who could help her in a time of great need. A Ghana-Iowa-Philippines connection that could only be orchestrated by the God who loves us all.

As Maryann Radmacher says, "I am not the same having seen the moon on the other side of the world." I am not the same having become soul friends with a beautiful woman named Bibi. She embodied the love of Jesus more than anyone I have ever known, and I hope I can reflect her influence in my own life as a result.

If you have any questions about Bibi's Hope Committee or the orphanage, please feel free to contact President Kyle Schutte or Pastor Zirpel at (712) 276-1125.

Please include the orphanage in your daily prayers....



Please send prayers for everyone at ASE-Mali orphanage. Please pray for peace and the spread of Christian faith in Mali, in the United States, and all over the world. ~ Bibi's Hope Committee #HopefortheChildren



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Christ's Mission!

August 2026

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Happy New School Year



Each new school year brings a familiar mix of sharpened pencils, fresh notebooks, new teachers, new classmates, and new routines. For students, families, teachers, and congregations, it is a season of beginnings. Some children will walk into a classroom for the very first time. Others will return ready for the next grade, the next challenge, and the next opportunity to grow. In all these new starts, God is already at work.

Across Iowa District West, Lutheran schools and early childhood centers are preparing to welcome children with the love of Jesus. These ministries are more than places of instruction. They are communities where the Word of God is heard, faith is nurtured, families are served, and children are reminded daily that they belong to Christ.

As the school year begins, please pray for our Lutheran schools and preschools in Iowa District West. Pray for teachers, administrators, pastors, classroom aides, cooks, custodians, and volunteers as they serve with patience, wisdom, and joy. Pray for students as they learn, make friends, ask questions, and grow in body, mind, and faith. Pray for parents and grandparents as they encourage children at home. Pray also for congregations that support these ministries with their gifts, time, and love.

May He bless every new start, every classroom, and every child entrusted to our care.

Rhonda Mohr—Assistant to the President for Youth, Education and Family Life
Rhonda@iowadistrictwest.org

Engaged in Mission Workshop

Join clergy and laity for *Engaged in Mission*, a two-day workshop focused on evangelism, outreach, discipleship, and church planting Sept. 18-19 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Carroll. Led by Rev. Dr. Heath Trampe and Rev. Dr. Quintin Cundiff. This event will equip participants to share the Gospel and strengthen mission efforts within their congregations. Scan QR Code for more information and registration.



Conflict & Difficult Conversations Workshop

Join Rev. Dr. Todd Jenks for a practical and faith-centered workshop on navigating conflict and difficult conversations with wisdom, confidence, and Christ-centered communication on Saturday, November 7 at the IDW District Office in Fort Dodge. Participants will learn research-backed strategies and biblical principles for handling disagreements, reducing anxiety in challenging conversations, and fostering healthier relationships in families, workplaces, and congregations. This free event is open to all church workers and laity. Scan QR for more



Campus Ministry

Have a student moving to college? Connect your college students to a Lutheran campus ministry. Students are encouraged to register with www.lutheranstudentfellowship.org to connect with Lutheran peers and to stay connected to a faith family.



AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 6...IDE/IDW Principal's Conference, Gloria Dei, **Urbandale**
August 7...IDE/IDW Early Childhood Conference, Gloria Dei, **Urbandale**
August 21-23...Lutheran Singles Retreat, **Camp Okoboji**
August 28-29...Spiritual First Aid, IDW District Office, **Fort Dodge**

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 18-19...Engaged in Mission Conference, St. Paul, **Carroll**
September 21-22...Fall Pastor's Conference, Gloria Dei, **Urbandale**
September 29...Administrative Assistants Conference, **Fort Dodge**
October 2-4...Senior Youth Gathering, **Camp Okoboji**
October 9-11...Pastor's Wives Retreat, **Camp Okoboji**
October 24-25...Junior Youth Gathering, Sheraton Hotel, **West Des Moines**
November 7...Conflict & Difficult Conversations Workshop, **Fort Dodge**
November 7...Treasurers Workshop, **Denison**

For more information on Iowa District West activities, view *The Messenger* at www.idwlcms.org/publications.php

Conflict & Difficult Conversations Workshop

Saturday, November 7, 2026 | Iowa District West Office | 409 Kenyon Rd, Suite B, Fort Dodge
A Free Event For All Church Workers & Laity

Session 1

Coping with Conflict Constructively & Productively: Communication Strategies & Christian Principles

How do you handle conflict in life? Are you a conflict dreader, a conflict spreader, or a conflict solver and resolver? Conflicts happen - in our families, in our workplaces, and in the church - but we are so often unprepared for how to handle conflict. Too often, conflict becomes destructive, rather than productive. Learn research-backed strategies from the field of Communication Studies, and God-given wisdom from Scripture, on how to make conflict less harmful and more helpful.

*Participants will head home equipped with wisdom on how to navigate conflict situations with God-serving communication. They will learn how to reflect on and improve their personal approach to conflict with new tools for their conflict management and with Biblical knowledge of Christ-centered conflict management.

Session 2

Dealing with Difficult Conversations Calmly & Effectively

Certain conversations are, by their very nature, more difficult. It is not easy to talk with someone when there are high emotions, strongly different opinions, or a feeling of friction. In this session, a communication expert shares research-backed tips and beneficial Biblical insights to make uncomfortable conversations less uncomfortable and more successful, in a way that brings people together, rather than tears them apart.

*Participants will head home equipped to face difficult conversations more calmly and less anxiously, with insights on how to make these conversations unfold more smoothly. Participants will receive specific strategies to communicate more comfortably when engaging in uncomfortable conversations, as well as Biblical knowledge of Christ-centered principles for dealing with difficult conversations.

Schedule

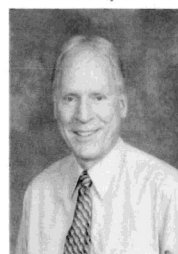
10:00-10:15 a.m. Arrival / Coffee, Juice & Light Snacks
10:15-10:30 a.m. Welcome & Opening Devotion
10:30-11:30 a.m. Session 1
11:30-12:00 p.m. Discussion Time (Conflict)
12:00-12:45 p.m. Lunch
12:45-1:45 p.m. Session 2
1:45-2:15 p.m. Discussion Time (Difficult Conversations)
2:15-2:30 p.m. Closing Devotion & Sending

Copy Link or Scan QR to Register

Online - Fill out form



About the Speaker



Rev. Dr. Todd Jenks is Pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ames and Teaching Professor Emeritus of Communication Studies and Psychology at Iowa State University. With 30+ years as a pastor and communication professor, his areas of focus include conflict management, leadership communication, and intercultural communication. Todd earned his PhD in Communication at Bowling Green State University.

"If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."
— Romans 12:18

Hosted by IDW Christian Education Committee



Serving in August 2026

ACOLYTES:

August 2 : 8:15 AM— TBD

10:45 AM— Jeremiah Jessen

August 9: 8:15 AM—

Jase Fisher & Jaiden Thomas

10:45 AM— TBD

August 16: 8:15 AM— Liam

Behrens

10:45 AM— TBD

August 23: 8:15 AM— Liam

Behrens

10:45 AM— TBD

August 30: 8:15 AM— TBD

10:45 AM— Camden Doscher

ELDERS:

Marty Delperdang & Dave Albrecht

COUNTERS:

August 2 & 30— Team 2

(Hermelbracht's & Mack)

August 9—Team 3

(Bobolz & Schmith's)

August 16—Team 4

(Fink & Buckley)

August 23— Team 1

(Buckley & Lessmann)

GREETERS:

August 2: 8:15 AM— Paul & Cindy

Fleckenstein

10:45 AM— Marty & Marcia

Delperdang

August 9: 8:15 AM— Dale &

Nadine Henningsen

10:45 AM— Jayne Edwards

August 16: 8:15 AM— Aaron &
Tawnya Becker

10:45— Jackie Krueger

August 23: 8:15 AM— Bruce &
Robertta Timmons

10:45 AM— Dale & Tina Revell

August 30: 8:15 AM— Justin &
Emily Wulf

10:45 AM— Shirley Stokes

USHER TEAMS: Thur. 6:30 PM:

Harlan & Mary Feddersen

(Al & Melissa Joens, Shelly Fergen,
Mike Searls)

8:15 AM: Team 1

(Alex Erickson, Marc Benson, Larry
Nelson, Jerry Van Peursem).

10:45: Team 5—(Mark Boyd)

PROPERTY CHECK:

August: Anita Mack

COFFEE & ROLLS:

August 2: Lorelee Fink & Karen Vock

August 9: Dale & Nadine Henningsen

August 16: TBD

August 23: Dave & Lori Albrecht

August 30: Steve & Ann Peterson



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8:15 AM Traditional

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