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'Handle Well the Divine Keys'

"Amen I tell you: Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." (Matthew 18:18)

Parents sometimes give kids a set of unused keys to play with so they can pretend to open and lock things. If they lose those keys, no biggie. They are just props.

What about the divine keys Jesus gives us? Do these keys really open and lock? Yes!

When we say to a sinner, "Your sins are forgiven," we are using the loosing, or releasing, key and actually freeing that person from their sins. And when we say to another, "Your sins are not forgiven," we are using the binding, or locking, key and actually binding that individual's sins to them.

What if I don't like you? Can I just refuse to forgive the sins and lock them out of heaven? No. The divine keys are not a weapon that we can use according to our whims. What Jesus literally says is "Whatever you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will have been loosed in heaven." Our use of the keys doesn't force God's hand. He continues to bind and release sins according to whether or not a person is penitent, not based on our feelings about that person.

So why does Jesus bother to entrust these divine keys to us if he will override our misuse of them? We can't force God's hand, but God wants to extend his ha the proper use of the keys. God could send a lightning bolt down whenever we sin, but he hasn't chosen to do that. Instead, he wants his children to call one another to repentance. When we do so properly, it's as if God himself is speaking.

To those who say, "What I do with my life is between God and me; only he can judge," the divine keys say otherwise. Jesus has made it every Christian's business to be concerned about fellow believers, and the life-style choices they make.

When a fellow believer says, "Your sins are forgiven," receive those

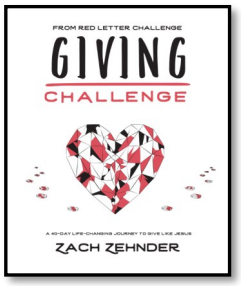
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words as if Jesus himself has spoken them to you. As surely as we can hear the words spoken to us (or read the lips that have spoken them to you), so certain is our place in heaven. Release our feelings of guilt and rejoice in the forgiveness that is ours. The door of paradise is wide open.

Prayer: *Heavenly Father, help us believe the words of forgiveness you speak to us through our brothers and sisters in the faith. Amen.*

Pastor Zirpel ***Matthew 28:19-20***

Giving Challenge:
A Redeemer Spiritual Campaign



Giving Challenge: A 40-Day Challenge to help people be generous like Jesus. Using Matthew 6:21 as our theme verse (Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also), this sermon series will highlight how important and vital generosity is to our lives.

In a culture obsessed with more — more comfort, more security, more stuff — Jesus calls His followers to live counterculturally through radical generosity. *Giving Challenge* is a six-week journey inviting our church to trade in the world's ways of using money for the ways of Jesus, discovering deeper joy and purpose in the everyday act of giving. Together, we'll explore the words and life of Jesus, learn timeless biblical truths, hear inspiring stories, and find that generosity brings more joy than we ever thought possible.

On Sunday mornings we'll be offering a book, The Giving Challenge for a $10 donation. This is very much like the Red Letter Challenge that we did a couple of years ago. Our Sermons will follow the book for several weeks during the spiritual campaign. We officially start on October 11 with our sermon series. But you are encouraged to acquire the book in advance and start reading it.

From the Board of Elders

Thanks to our Pastors and Staff! October has traditionally been recognized as "Clergy Appreciation Month" by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. We would like to encourage all of our members to take some time to thank our pastors, as well as all of our staff here at Redeemer, for all of the work that they do in service to our Lord and our congregation. In addition, it is essential that we keep our pastors, staff, missionaries whom we support, and all church workers and their families in our prayers. We pray that they continue to be surrounded by God's Love, and are blessed, strengthened, and encouraged while they serve!

Thank You...

We would like to extend a sincere thanks to Redeemer's 100th year celebration committee, and EVERYONE involved, for a fantastic event that we all enjoyed on September 20! The services were wonderful, the meal and reception provided great fellowship, and we enjoyed seeing some of our members and staff from the past who came back to visit. We enjoyed the videos throughout the day, and were able to witness a wonderful message by our former pastor, Paul Sieveking, during the afternoon service. We know that many hours of planning and hard work were invested by many of you!

Prayer Vigil



We will be hosting a prayer vigil in the Nave of the church on **Sunday, October 18 from 2-4 pm.**

Please submit any prayer requests that you might have to the church office, or to any of the pastors or elders. There will be a nice prayer booklet put together that will include your prayer requests as well as many others that participants can use.

~~ God's Blessings, *The board of Elders*



Rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in all circumstances.
~ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Oct 2026

Lutheran Women in Mission

- Thursday, October 1st and Sunday, October 4th ≈ LWML Sunday
- Tuesday, October 6th 6:00 PM ≈ LWML Planning Session ≈ Conference Room—All are invited to attend!
- Wednesday, October 14th, 10:00 AM ≈ Women's Bible Study ≈ Conference Room ***New Study: Gifts, Chosen For You***
- Wednesday, October 14th, 5:30 PM Evening ≈ Women's Bible Study ≈ Oscar Carl Vineyard ≈ ***New Study: Unshakeable by Donna Snow***
- Thursday, October 15th, 1:00pm ≈ Women Serving in Christ ≈ Fellowship Hall
  - ⇒ Bible Study: "Humble Service" page 17 Fall 2026 Quarterly
  - ⇒ Bible Study Leader: Loralee Fink
- Saturday, October 17th ≈ Sioux City Zone Fall Rally ≈ Faith Lutheran Church
- Tuesday, October 27th≈ Ladies Night Out District Event– Redeemer Gym-Light meal, devotion and craft
- Wednesday, October 28th ,10:00 AM ≈ Women's Bible Study ≈ Conference Room ***New Study: Gifts, Chosen For You***
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Lutheran Women in Mission



Fall 2026 Quarterlies are now available - located in mailboxes and the back of the church.

Pick up your copy today!

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

Come and See
Psalm 66:5

Women of Redeemer

LWML
© Lutheran Women in Mission

2026-2027 EVENT CALENDAR

Fall Fun at Oak Tree Farm & Gardens | September 12
Meet 9:15am at Redeemer to carpool

LWML Sunday Services | October 1 & 4
Participate by greeting, reading, selling jams, jellies and pickles

Mercy Meals District Event | November 7 | 9:30 & 10:30am
Package meals with other Iowa District West LWML groups

Jesus & Java | November 14 | 9am at Hawks Coffee Shop
Grab your favorite morning starter – stay for devotion & fellowship

Cantata Refreshments Hour | Dec 13
Bake or serve refreshments between performances

Game Night! | January 10
Bunco & ice cream at Redeemer

Ash Wednesday Soup & Pie Meal | February 10
Serve soup & pie on Ash Wednesday – lunch & dinner

Soup Kitchen | March TBD
Support our community – meal prep & serving

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Help Support the Siouxland Soup Kitchen

October Donation Drive

In honor of Redeemer Lutheran Church's 100th Anniversary, we are collecting **"Top Need"** items for the Siouxland Soup Kitchen.

Please place your donations in the marked container at the south entrance.

Items Needed:

Soy Sauce

Egg Noodles

Coffee Creamers

Lasagna Noodles

Medium Shell Noodles

Lipton Onion Soup Mix

Paper Towels

Stuffing Mix

Dry Black-Eyed Peas

Mashed Potatoes

Cornbread Mix

Thank you for helping us celebrate 100 years by giving back to our community!

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you to all who attended, participated, or worked to help make our 100th Anniversary celebration a truly memorable event. Your presence, service, and support were a blessing to Redeemer.

We especially recognize our Anniversary Committee members: *Shari Benson, Gary Kitzmann, Lou Rossman, Burt Heithold, Paula Schram, Beth Bowman, Pam Davies, Ida Milligan, and Doug & Kristine Schrad.*

A heartfelt thank you to *Al Joens and Dan Ebmeier* for conducting member interviews and preparing the various videos that enriched our celebration.

Thank you to *Liz Ellis* for creating the video highlighting Redeemer's groups and history.

Thank you to *all the members* who graciously agreed to be interviewed and shared their stories.

Thank you to *Charity Koehler and all our music groups*—Choir, Bells, Men's Quartet, and EXALT and to *Bonnie Rossman and Brass Ensemble*—for their beautiful contributions to worship.

Thank you to *Jonathan Bailey and the youth group* for hosting the bandage-rolling event in August and assisting wherever needed during the meal on our Celebration Sunday.

Thank you to *all members who supported the in-gatherings* and provided donations that made this celebration possible.

Thank you to our pastors—*Pastor Senstad and Pastor Zirpel*—for their support throughout our 100th Anniversary celebration, and to Pastor Sieveking for sharing the anniversary message.

Thank you to *Angie Dubois and Jennifer Lay* for their assistance with printing, preparing materials, and ensuring all announcements were communicated clearly and on time.

Thank you to *Brian Searls and Doug Camarigg* for their work in preparing the church and helping ensure everything was ready for our celebration.

To God be the Glory, and may He continue to bless Redeemer for the next 100 years.

~~ Ann Schauer & Lori Albrecht
Co-Chairs, 100th Anniversary Committee

HOMEMADE GOODS AND MORE!

October pie & jams/jelly (over 40 flavors) sale proceeds are available: $6 each or 5 for $25. Pies are $20 each and you can order your specific kind. Almost any pie is available for purchase.
Thanks for your support!

We now have newly processed beets in pint jars: $6 or 5 for $25.00, mix and match with jams/jellies, and pint jars of pickles.

Quarts ($8) and pints ($6) of tomato soup are available and can be mixed w/jams and pickles, etc.

******October Sales will Support LWML Projects******



Aronia Jam
Aronia Blueberry Jam
Aronia Berry Jelly
Aronia Jalapeno Jam
Aronia Peach Jam
Aronia Rhubarb Jam
Blackberry Jalapeno Jam
Blackberry Jam
Blackberry 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
Gooseberry Jelly
Gooseberry— Rhubarb Jam
Jalapeno Jam
Red Currant Jelly
Red Raspberry Jam
Red Raspberry Rhubarb Jalapeno Jam
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 Jalapeno Jam
Wild Plum Jam
Wild Plum Jelly
Wild Plum Rhubarb Jam
Wild Raspberry Jam
Wild Raspberry Rhubarb- - Jalapeno Jam
Wild Raspberry— Rhubarb Jam



PICKLES
Dill
Hamburger Sweet Dills
Sweet Pickles
German Dinner Pickled Beets
and TOMATO SOUP!

The Woodbury County Fair Committee (Redeemer Lutheran Food Coop) wants to thank everyone for their support at the fair this year in Moville. The following organizations received $4,000.00 each. Our mission project, the Lamplighters, received $500.

The Lamplighters organization consists of women & men of our LC-MS congregations of the Siouxland area, who faithfully visit, monthly, the Nursing Homes, Assisted Living facilities, etc.

Wednesday LWML received $4,000

Thursday Siouxland LC-MS Youth received $4,000

Friday Bibi's Hope Orphanage received $4,000

Saturday Boy Scouts received $4,000

Sunday St. Paul's Lutheran School received $4,000

Many individuals donated time, money, & pies for the success! Monday & Tuesday shifts are a skeleton crew serving the families who are bringing in livestock and setting up crafts, baked goods, judging, etc., but Wednesday – Sunday consist of upwards 30 – 40 individuals daily cooking, cleaning, and serving the Fairgoers. In addition of whole pies, jams, jellies, and pickles were sold. Thrivent Aktion T-shirts, of all sizes, were also handed out free-of-charge.

The following businesses donated in-kind donations:

Sutter Heating & Cooling	Kwik Star
McCormack Dist.	Daily Queen
Iowa District West	Tastee N & Out
Outback Steakhouse	Freddy's
Michael Foods	The Sign Shop
Empiracle Foods	Seaboard Triumph
Thrivent Financial	Chick-Fil-A

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
Thursday, September 10th, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:29 P.M. Opening devotion was led by Pastor Senstad.

Financial report reviewed and accepted. We are down about $27,500 to budget.

Pastor Senstad: 100th Anniversary celebration on September 20th, we will be doing the giving challenge again this year. Fall bible studies are going well.

Pastor Zirpel: Each group that helped at the fair will get $4,000, tips went to Lamp Lighters.

Jonathon Bailey: Group rolled over 1500 bandages during the 100 year service project, 53 peple attended the baseball family outing.

Elder's Report: No Report.

100th Anniversary Celebration – will be doing prep on September 19th.

CDs have been reinvested.

Will work to improve communication on social media and the website, some changes have been made to the website already it is looking better.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:29 P.M.

NEW THRIVENT CHOICE CHANGES!

thrivent 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.

KinderCottage Preschool

October 2026

A Ministry of Redeemer Lutheran Church

Where did the month of September go? Can't believe it's October already! Everyone is doing a great job learning the preschool rules, following directions, making new friends & learning about God's love for all of us!

Class photos will be taken by Reynold's Studio again this year on **October 8 & 9.** A poster will be displayed in the entryway showing the back-ground for pictures if you want to coordinate your child's outfit! **Order forms with a sample picture attached will come home with your child within 2 weeks after they are taken so you can see the picture BEFORE you purchase!!**

We will also celebrate Halloween week with a visit from Miss Jody of Adam's Homestead & Nature Preserve, she will share lots of information about bats with the MWF class on Monday, October 26 and spiders with the T/Th class on Tuesday, October 27. We will also get a chance to trick or treat the church offices on Wednesday, Oct. 28 and Thursday, Oct. 29! Your child may ear their Halloween costume to school on these days if they want to. If you would like to send treats for your child to pass out to their friends you may, but it is **NOT** required! All treats must be individually packaged please. There are 15 students in the MWF class & 14 in the T/Th class.

The MWF classes will be working on the letters, "S", "E", "D" and "E", as well as the colors green & gray, the shapes of a rectangle & square and the numbers 2 and 3. The T/Th classes will be working on the shapes of a triangle, oval & square as well as the colors blue, black and orange.

Both classes will hear the Beginner's Bible stories about Isaac's Blessing, Jacob's Dream and Jacob & Esau Meet Again.

Blessings* Tara & Sara

October Dates to Remember

8 & 9* Class Photos by Reynold's Studio

26 & 27* Miss Jody of Adams Homestead & Nature Center

28 & 29* Trick or Treating church offices! Wear your costume to school!

30* No Preschool!

August, September & October Birthdays

August

11 Sylvia Hersom
12 Leo Ouade

September

10 Ember Bauman
13 Mia Fry

October

22 Boston Jansen
27 Leona Anderson
28 Bailey Bata



OCTOBER 2026

EVERY SUNDAY: (✞ = Holy Communion Sunday)
8:15 AM: Traditional Worship: **10:45 AM:** Contemporary Worship
9:30 AM: ROCK Sunday: **9:45 AM:** Adult Bible Study
1:00-3 PM: Sudanese Worship Service
Website: redeemersiouxcity.com
Youtube: Redeemer Lutheran Church Sioux City

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
4 LWML / MITES Sunday ✞ SEE EVERY SUNDAY 8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship 9:30 –10:30 AM ROCK Sunday 9:30 AM Adult Confirmation 9:45 AM Adult Bible Study 1-3 PM Sudanese Worship	**5** 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 6:30 PM Pickleball	**6** 10 AM Devotions w/Pastor Zirpel at *Bickford Assisted* & 10:45 AM at Bickford *Memory* 1:30 PM Staff/Bible Study Mt 6 PM LWML Board Mtg 7 PM *Life Light* Bible Study *at Whispering Creek*
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5-7 PM Saturday, Oct. 3 Fall Festival at *Faith Lutheran* **9AM-2 PM Saturday, Oct. 17** Vendor & Craft Fair at *Mater Dei Parish-Nativity Parish Gym*	**1** 5:30 PM Adult Fit. 6 PM BSF Bible Study 6:30 PM Worship w/Holy Communion 7:15 PM Endowment & Legacy Mtg	**2** 9 AM-Noon Food Shelf	**3** 7:30AM Red M&M's *High School Youth Gathering -Camp Okoboji (3rd & 4th)*
7 9:30 AM Lamplighter's at *Trinity* 5-5:40 PM Midweek Meal– *Mac-n-Cheese and Hotdogs* 5-7 PM Midweek / ROCK Wed. 5:45 PM Midweek Bible Study 6:15 PM Handbell Practice 7:15 PM Adult Choir Practice 7:30-9 PM Youth Group *Iowa Retired Educators State Mtg*	**8** *Preschool Pictures Taken T/TH* 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 6 PM BSF Bible Study 6:30 PM-Worship 7:30 PM Leadership Council Mtg *Iowa Retired Educators State Mtg*	**9** *Preschool Pictures Taken M/W/F* 9 AM-noon Food Shelf	**10** 4-7 PM Youth Connect Bonfire at *Copenhaver Farm*
14 10 AM Women's Bible Study *- Redeemer's Confer. Rm.* 5-5:40 PM Midweek Meal–*Sloppy Joes* 5-7 PM Midweek & ROCK Wednesday 5:30-7 PM Midweek Bible Study 5:30 PM Women's Bible Study *- Oscar Carl Vineyard* 6:15 PM Handbell Practice 7:15 PM Adult Choir Practice 7:30-9 PM Youth Group	**15** 10:30 AM Thrivent Choice Mtg. 1 PM 'Women Serving in in Christ' Mtg 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 6 PM BSF Bible Study 6:30 PM Worship w/Holy Communion	**16** 9 AM-noon Food Shelf	**17** 9:00 AM LWML Sioux City Zone Fall Rally at *Faith*
21 10:30 AM Devotions with Pastor Senstad at *Whispering Creek* No Midweek Meal 5-7 PM Midweek—Conferences No ROCK Wednesday 5:30-7 PM Midweek Bible Study 6:15 PM Handbell Practice 7:15 PM Adult Choir Practice 7:30-9 PM Youth Group	**22** 1 PM Altar Guild 6 PM BSF Bible Study 6:30 PM Worship 7 PM Elders Mtg	**23** 9 AM-noon Food Shelf	**24** Jr. High Youth Gathering at the Sheraton *Sheraton, West Des Moines (24th-25th)*
28 10 AM Women's Bible Study *- Redeemer's Confer. Rm.* 5-7 PM Midweek Meal-*Chili & Grilled Cheese* 5-7 PM Midweek & ROCK Wednesday 5:30-7 PM Midweek Bible Study 5:30 PM Women's Bible Study *- Oscar Carl Vineyard* 6:15 PM Handbell Practice 7:15 PM Adult Choir Practice 7:30-9 PM Youth Group	**29** 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 6:00 PM BSF Bible Study 6:30 PM Worship w/Holy Communion	**30** *No Preschool* 9 AM-noon Food Shelf	**31**

Cooking with Pastor Senstad :

ITALIAN DRUNKEN NOODLES

I truly stumbled into a good one this time. I was looking for a soup that both my wife and I like equally. I think I found it! Thank you Facebook for some great recipes.

Ingredients

12oz Egg Noodles
1lb Ground Italian sausage
2 Bell peppers
3 tsp Minced garlic
1tsp Italian seasoning
½ Cup lemon juice
28oz Can diced tomatoes
1 Tbsp Dried basil
Salt and pepper to taste
Parmesan cheese and fresh chopped parsley for garnish



Instructions

1. Add the meat and peppers to a large saucepan or skillet with deep sides over medium-high heat. Cook until the meat is completely browned and the peppers have begun to soften.
2. Lower the heat to medium and add the minced garlic and Italian seasoning. Sauté 30 seconds longer. Mix in the lemon juice and sauté until the liquid in the pot is reduced by half.
3. Pour the diced tomatoes into the pot along with the dried basil and salt and pepper to taste. Stir to combine well.
4. Mix in the cooked noodles and continue to sauté until heated through. Top with grated Parmesan and fresh chopped parsley for garnish.

ENJOY,
Pastor Russ

Welcome Our New Members



Paul Schuhmacher by *Adult Confirmation* July 12, 2026 with wife Haley and daughters Kenzie, Kamryn & Karsyn



Karen Ebeling by *Transfer* on September 6, 2026.



Elijah Williams by *baptism* on July 25, 2026. Parents are Quinn & Kassandra Williams & big brother Julian.



Krystal McHenry by *Transfer* on August 30, 2026

"Dear Redeemer Members & Friends"



I would like to express my sincere thanks *to Lutheran Family Service and to Redeemer for the gift card and their support of called worker's wives. It is such a blessing to feel supported by our church family. I appreciate your prayers and the many ways you encourage and care for those who serve ~~ Angela*

I would like to express my sincere appreciation *to Lutheran Family Services and to the Redeemer members involved with the card and gift that was presented to me last Sunday. Thank you for all the kind words, encouragement, and support you continually give to me.Your thoughtfulness and generosity mean more than you know, and I am truly grateful for each of you. ~~ Gratefully, ConniJo Bailey*

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'Fall In Love With Reading With Wholesome Books From Our Library'

Redeemer Library Committee:
ConniJo Bailey, Michelle Callahan, Lisa Gottburg, & Andrea VanPeursem

Redeemer Church Library

<u>In the Company of Others:</u> *Mitford Years #1*
by Jan Karon
For those who love the *Miford Years* series; Father Tim and Cynthia arrive in the west of Ireland, intent on researching his Kavanagh ancestry from the comfort of a charming fishing lodge. The charm, however, is broken entirely when Cynthia startles a burglar and sprains her already-injured ankle. Then a cherished and valuable painting is stolen from the lodge owners, and Cynthia's pain pales in comparison to the wound at the center of this bitterly estranged Irish family.

<u>Kitty My Rib:</u> *The Heartwarming Story of a Woman of Courage & Devotion*
by E. Jane Mall
Katherine Luther or "Kitty" was the woman behind the great man Martin Luther. Kitty mellowed Luther's harsher side, kept the household from bankruptcy despite her husband's generosity and enhanced his life with the joys and fullness of family living.



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NEW CHILDREN'S BOOK
Tim Tebow, Author

<u>Mission Possible:</u> *Bronco & Friends*
by Tim Tebow
In this hilarious and heartwarming adventure. Bronco learns that when helping others feels hard or scary, God will give you courage to do the right thing. While having a picnic one day, Bronco gets upset when a bee lands on him. But the bee isn't as dangerous as she seems. In fact, she needs help! It won't be easy, but Bronco and his friends gather their courage and work together to embark on a daring rescue. And once they do, they discover that putting others first makes a big difference in the lives of those who really need them.

<u>A Party To Remember:</u> *Bronco & Friends*
by Tim Tebow
Bronco received an invitation to a party, but he can't find the puzzle piece everyone is supposed to bring. During his search, he encounters a variety of friends with their own set of a flightless bird, an allergic goat, and a clumsy bunny. The animals team up to find both Bronco's puzzle piece and the party, arriving to discover that the party is in their honor! This sweet story of animals with different challenges and abilities is core to Tim Tebow's message to fans and friends of any age who have special needs. Getting invited to the party is exciting—but bringing your own particular gifts makes it more fun!

NEW SERIES
Terri Blackstock
Newpointe 911 Series

Private Justice

A dark shadow of fear has fallen over Newpointe. First one, then another of the town firemen's wives has been murdered, and a third has barely escaped an attempt on her life. Incredible as it seems, a serial killer is stalking this sleepy little southern community. And Mark Branning's wife may be next. Mark is determined to protect her. But keeping Allie alive won't be easy. Unless they renew their commitment to each other and to God, someone else may settle their problems ... permanently. And time to decide is running out.

Word of Honor

Of the four people at the Newpointe post office when the bomb went off, three were killed instantly. The fourth, a five-year-old boy, lies comatose in the hospital and might not survive. Who would do such a thing? The answer comes in the form of a gunman crashing through the door of the hotel room where Jill Clark is staying. With a rifle barrel pointed at her temple, the young attorney suddenly finds herself the hostage of a desperate man whose actions hardly fit his claim that he's innocent of the bombing.



Trial By Fire

Pastor and fireman Nick Foster found the body in the inferno engulfing his church. From the bullet wound in the head, it's clear this is no ordinary fire victim. Paramedic Issie Mattreaux is no icon of virtue, but she cares enough about her teenage nephew to track him down when he turns up missing. Only, what she finds is far more than a harmless bonfire on the outskirts of town. After a chilling attempt on Issie's life, Nick takes on the role of protector even as he struggles with the church tragedy. Whoever is behind the fire is far from finished.

NEW SERIES
James Bonk
Light of the Ark Series

Light of the Ark

The holy glow of an ancient artifact illuminates Matthew and his father. In the past two months, Matthew has learned an untold secret of his father's past and the family secret they are sworn to protect. It all started when Matthew's best friend was approached by a figure from the past. A person with sinister motives who believes he is working for Jesus and will stop at nothing to set his plan in motion. Matthew is the last son in a long line of pastors that stretches back thousands of years. Follow Matthew's journey as he discovers the secrets of his family's past and the repercussions on those closest to him.

Shadows of the Ark

Evil knows no boundaries, coming for Matthew at his home, in the workplace, and in the church halls. With his best friend, Jeremiah, facing his own demons in Europe and his family's church locked in a legal battle, Matthew fights to survive the torturous attacks that pull him into a spiritual abyss. Matthew, J, and their entire church face destruction as evil forces strike. If they don't internalize the power they've recently discovered, they will suffer a fate worse than death.

Light of the World

In a world where terrorist attacks lead to the government cracking down on religious freedom, Matthew Light stands firm in his faith. With a powerful terrorist organization rising against them and the public opinion quickly turning, Matthew's faith is tested on every level as he and his family rebuild their church - and their lives.

Redeemer Family News & Events

Please see DCE Jonathon Bailey with any Questions!



Youth Connect Bonfire - October 10th 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!

Trunk-or-Treat at Redeemer: Join us for our annual **Trunk-or-Treat** on **Sunday, October 18th from 1:00–3:00pm**! Bring your family and friends for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. We'll have:



⇒ Candy-filled trunks
⇒ Free **hotdogs, s'mores, and hot chocolate** (while supplies last)
⇒ **Hayrack rides** for all ages!

Come in costume, bring your sweet tooth, and enjoy a safe and festive fall celebration with our church family.

Please pray for our youth as they head to the Gatherings this month (safe travels, faith, strength, purpose etc.).

High School Gathering: October 3rd-4th at Camp Okoboji.
Junior High Gathering: October 24th-25th at the Sheraton in West Des Moines.

REDEEMER NEWS & EVENTS

October-December Portals of Prayer Are Now Available!
Stop by the South Entrance or office for your copy today! Thanks!

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Fall Festival at Faith Lutheran, Saturday, October 3, 5:00-7 PM.

Camp Okoboji: October 4th, 9:30-1:00 PM, *Omelet Brunch*-proceeds to support JOY Camp. October 9-10th- *Camp Okoboji Fall Volunteer Week-end* – Fall Volunteer Weekend is a great way to share your time and talents while you enjoy God's Creation at Camp Okoboji. Help prepare for the upcoming winter. Call 712-337-3325 for more info.

Vendor & Craft Fair on Saturday, October 17th, Mater Dei Parish, 9:00 AM-2 PM. (Nativity Parish Gym, 4241 Natalia Way, Sioux City). No admission charge, lunch available, and door prizes.

Time to start saving your Hy-Vee receipts for KinderCottage Preschool!! All receipts must be from Sioux City or South Sioux City stores are eligible for the School Bucks program. Receipts MUST be dated September 1, 2026 through April 15, 2027. **No fuel, postal, money order, Western Union, lottery, Quest, MidAmerican or gift card receipts will be accepted.** 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!

Redeemer is in need of some help to run the technology during worship services at 8:15 & 10:45 am. No experience needed. We will train you. If interested, please let Angie know in the office.

August 2026 Statistics

Date	Church Attendance	Communion Attendance	Bible Study	Children Church	Sudanese Attendance
8/2	280	239	12	15	N/A
8/9	286	N/A	23	12	N/A
8/16	290	252	22	N/A	N/A
8/23	276	N/A	25	N/A	N/A
8/30	331	N/A	20	N/A	5
TOTAL	1463	491	102	27	5
AVG.	293	246	20	14	5
PERCENT	26%	23%	2%	1%	.4%
PRIOR YR.	25%	25%	2%	1%	1%

Membership:	8/2025	8/2026
Communicants	891	880
Baptized	222	219
TOTAL	1,113	1,099

Loss of 5 people +.4%

Treasurer's Report Jan. 1– Aug. 31, 2026:

Actual Income:	$496,640
Budgeted Income:	$554,185
Difference:	- $57545
Percentage:	89%
Actual Expenses:	$524,316

October 2026 Missionary

Missionaries James and Angie Sharp! Come and hear their very special report as they visit Mission Central on November 21 at 1 pm. They'll tell us all about their work in Puerto Rico.

October Bible Verse

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
2 Corinthian 3:14 (NIV)

OFFICIAL ACTS
August 2026

Released per Member's Request:

✞ Dale, Tina & Emma Revell

Death:

✞ Jackie Krueger

DAYS OF CREATION

Play this game to remember when God made each of his masterpieces.



What you need:

- Paper
- Rulers
- Pencils
- Markers or crayons
- Dice
- Bibles (open to Genesis 1:1–2:3 for reference)

What you do:

1. To make game boards, draw a grid with four rows and seven columns, totaling 28 squares.
2. Across the top row, write DAY 1 in the first square and continue through DAY 7.
3. Take turns rolling one die, or all players can roll at once. For the number rolled, draw something God created on that day (in the correct column).
4. When you fill an entire row, draw a smiley face in the DAY 7 square. The first player with two smileys wins.

Bibi's Hope Update

New Arrival at the Orphanage



Baby Omar was brought into the orphanage after being abandoned by his mother, who was reportedly involved in "night work". He was left in the care of a man who could no longer look after him properly.

He is around nine months old and was severely malnourished. The orphanage took him to the hospital for medical evaluation and care.

He refused to eat and cried constantly. After care by the orphanage, he is doing well and sitting up.





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 the Christian faith in Mali, in the United States, and all over the world.

If you have any questions about Bibi's Hope Committee or the orphanage, please feel free to contact President Kyle Schutte at (712) 635-3834 or Pastor Zirpel at (712) 276-1125.

In Christ, **Bibi's Hope Committee**
#HopefortheChildren

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I would like to thank *Lutheran Family Services and Redeemer members for the gift card presented to me last Sunday morning. It is appreciated. God Bless.~~ Pam Zirpel.*

There are not enough words *to express my gratitude to Pastor Senstad, Pastor Zirpel, and the people of Redeemer for your prayer support for Jim since his diagnosis a year ago. He was encouraged beyond measure by your prayers and I will always be grateful for your faith and caring. May those blessings return to you four-fold. In Christ's love ~~ Donna Ocker*

Our family sincerely thanks our Redeemer church family *for the prayers, love, and support shown to us following Mike's passing. A special thank you to the ladies who prepared and served the wonderful meal, and to our ministers for their comforting words, prayers, and guidance. We are truly grateful for your kindness and for helping us celebrate Mike's life. We fell blessed to have such a caring church family. With heartfelt gratitude, The Family of Mike Albright.*

Thank you for all the prayers *that were said for my great niece, Abby. She has been home for a while now and is improving daily. ~~Pam Limoges*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
First I need to apologize for being so late in writing this note of appreciation. I must admit that Linda Albright's nice thank you in last week's bulletin reminded me that I should have done this. I want to thank you for all the kind acts that were shown to Gale and me during his illness and to me and our family since his passing. We appreciate the times Pastor visited and gave us communion. We are thankful for the beautiful funeral service. We are so blessed with wonderful musicians and vocalists here at Redeemer. We thank the ladies who provided the desserts and served the meal. I thank everyone for their kindness to me since his passing. It is a difficult time and the love and concern shown to me is so appreciated. Redeemer is such a blessing and I thank God for being a part of it. God's Blessings to each of you ~~ Carol Bobolz



Serving in October 2026

	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
ACOLYTES	**8:15 AM:** Zachary Peterson & Jase Fisher **10:45 AM:** Brody Goldsmith & & Caleb Amick	**8:15 AM:** Zachery Peterson & Liam Behrens **10:45 AM:** Bruce Bailey & Logan Cain	**8:15 AM:** Liam Behrens & Jase Fisher **10:45 AM:** Bruce Bailey & Harper Marlow	**8:15 AM**: Liam Behrens & Evan Shrauner **10:45 AM:** Eliana Engel & Logan Cain
GREETERS	**8:15 AM:** Scott & Brenda Ernst **10:45 AM:** Dale & Tina Revell	**8:15 AM:** Paul & Cindy Fleckenstein **10:45 AM:** Shirley Stokes	**8:15 AM:** Dale & Nadine Henningsen **10:45 AM:** Scott & Beth Bowman	**8:15 AM:** Lamont & Drenda Onken **10:45 AM:** Marty & Marcia Delperdang
COUNTING	**Team 3:** Carol Bobolz and Debbie & Nick Schmith	**Team 4:** Loralee Fink and Judy Buckley	**Team 1:** Judy Buckley & Marge Lessmann	**Team 2:** Anita Mack and Diana & Marlo Hermelbracht

USHER TEAMS:

Thurs 6:30 PM:
Harlan & Mary Feddersen
(Al & Melissa Joens)

Sundays: 8:15 AM: Team 3
(Gary Flammang, Mitchel Bauman, Paul Fleckenstein, Bob Naylor)

10:45: Team 7
(Doug Stucky, Loren Field, Rick Lieber, Julie & Jason Madden)

ELDERS:
Russ Warner & Dan Fisher

PROPERTY CHECK:
Jim Phillips

ALTAR GUILD:
Tawnya Becker & Vicki Eberly
Oct. 22, 1:00 PM

COFFEE & ROLLS:
Oct. 4: TBD
Oct. 11: Steve & Ann Peterson
Oct. 18: Carol Bobolz
Oct. 25: Dave & Lori Albrecht



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Sundays
8:15 AM Traditional
10:45 AM Contemporary
1:00-3 PM Sudanese Worship
Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month
Adult Bible Study: 9:45 AM Sunday
Youth (9-12 grade) Bible Study: 9:30 AM Sunday
ROCK Sunday (2yr-8grade) 9:30-10:30 AM Sunday

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