



JULY 2025

Christian Stewardship

Per our annual December voters meeting, I've wanted to share an emphasis on stewardship more than just once a year in the late fall. In truth, stewardship is an every day part of Christian living. So, I thought I'd share some thoughts about this part of being a follower of Jesus.

Stewardship is viewed by some in our circles as a way of raising money rather than a way of life. The word is used with frequent emphasis as a prelude to activities like an every-member canvass in the fall and then tucked rather indifferently into mothballs for another year. Dr. Walton H. Greever, of the United Lutheran Church, defines stewardship as "the practice of the Christian religion." He writes, "Christian stewardship is what I do after I have once said, 'I believe!' It's the response of my whole life to Christ out of gratitude for an amazing love that meant death on the cross. It's the giving of everything I am and everything I have to Him, as He directs. It's total commitment. It's the fruitage of my life. It's faith in action."

Luther defines stewardship by saying that Christ suffered and died for me in order "that I may be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him . . ." The Apostle Paul put it this way: "For me to live is Christ. . . He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto

themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again. . . . Ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. . . . Reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord."

The new Christian life is sustained in the Christian through the Holy Spirit. That Spirit operates through the means of grace, through Word and Sacrament. The faith of the Christian feeds upon the Word for life, growth, strength and service. Through the continued reading and study of God's Word, through frequent and "faithful" attendance at the Lord's Table, his faith is nourished, strengthened, and sustained. In and through such a life Christ lives.

The stewardship life is dedicated to the cause of the Kingdom. Its very purpose is to promote God's gracious purposes for men among men. Christians are partners and co-laborers together with God. The Christian steward's chief concern in life is the coming of the Kingdom to him, his brethren, and to all men everywhere.

In conclusion, we don't do Christian stewardship. . . we live Christian stewardship. We are His stewards. This is most certainly true.

In Christ, **Pastor Senstad**

'What You Were Made For: How Knowing God Will Transform Your Life'

"The most important thing about a person is what comes to mind when you think about God," said A.W. Tozer.

Why did he say that? Because knowing God is what you were made for. Knowing God will transform your life!

Join Frank Turek and Ted Wright as they highlight and apply the attributes of God to your life in this 9-Part DVD series. This will begin (and continue every) **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, 5:30 to 7:00 PM.** If you would like to attend this series, call or text Curt Green at 712-560-5866.

Episodes Cover: God is Holy (Set Apart, Perfect)

God is Omnipotent (All-Powerful)

God is Omniscient (All-knowing)

God is Immutable (Unchangeable)

God is Beautiful (Glorious)

God is Truth (The Truthfulness of God)

God is Just/Righteous, God is Love (The Grace of God).

join us!



TUITION ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

for Redeemer Lutheran Kinder Cottage Preschool and St Paul's Lutheran School (grades K-5).

Members of Redeemer may receive \$500 per student towards Kinder Cottage Preschool

tuition and/or \$1,000 per student towards St Paul's Lutheran School tuition. This assistance is courtesy of a generous donation to the Redeemer Lutheran Church Endowment and Legacy

Fund. If interested, please call the church office {712-276-1125}

to provide your contact information or pick up a form. Please note that funds are limited, and forms are processed on a first come/

first served basis. **The deadline is July 31, 2025.**



July 29th through August 4th Merville, IA

Redeemer Lutheran Food Co-op will be preparing and serving food during the Woodbury County Fair in the Bleil Building.

This is a very exciting mission and outreach project for Redeemer Lutheran Church. Each day of the fair, a non-profit organization will benefit from the sales of the food sold at the fair. We are asking for your help to make this a very successful and profitable endeavor. Please be sure to invite your friends to stop for food at our booth!

Six Organizations Will Benefit:

Monday/Tuesday—TBD

Wednesday—Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML)

Thursday—Sioux City Youth Connect

Friday—Bibi's Hope

Saturday—Boy Scouts

Sunday—St. Paul's Lutheran School

Menu:

Breakfast: Sausage/bacon/egg/cheese English muffins

Entrees: hamburgers, hot dogs, taverns, brats, chicken sandwiches and nachos

Desserts: pie, ice cream, and root beer floats

Drinks: soda, iced tea, coffee, and water.

Core Group—A core group of volunteers has been formed to supervise the operations of the food booth as well as prepare the food throughout the week.

Volunteers—Volunteers will be needed to take orders and serve the customers. No food preparation. Each day we will have two shifts of 9 volunteers each. The first shift will be from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. The second shift will be from 2:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Sign-up sheets for each day of the fair are at the back of the church.

Pie Makers—This booth has a reputation for serving the best pies at the fair! We are calling on our members to make twenty homemade pies each day. We will need apple, cherry, peach, and strawberry rhubarb. Sign-up sheets are by the office.

Nicene Creed

"Beloved, although I was every eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints." Jude 3

Happy 1700 Birthday! This year marks 1700 years since the Council of Nicaea met in May through July of AD 325. One of the enduring things to come out of that Council was the creed (or the great basis thereof) that we confess in the Divine Service called the *Nicene Creed*. This is one of the three Ecumenical (meaning universal, confessed by all Christians everywhere) Creeds: *Apostles'*, *Nicene*, *Athanasian*.

If all you've known in your life as a Christian is life within a traditional Lutheran Church, you might take it for granted that confessing the Creed is a regular part of the Service and your life as a Christian. It's a wonderful blessing that you have experienced that you might just assume everyone does it. The reality is that large swaths of Protestant churches do not regularly confess the creed as part of their Christian life in gathering together for a Service. Their denomination or church body might officially hold to the Creeds as official statements of faith, but the Creeds are not in regular use within their life.

The Creeds are a blessing to us not because they tell us something new and different from what the Bible teaches. They are a blessing in that they nicely distill and summarize the teaching of all Scripture as to who God is and what He has done for us. The *Nicene Creed* brings the heart and core of all of Scripture's teaching together into a nice, easily memorized and easily recited form. This has several benefits for us.

Firstly, the *Nicene Creed* is used by us to praise God. To praise God is to acknowledge who God is and to remember and recall His works for us, especially His works of salvation. As we confess the Creed we are not just reciting facts and knowledge (though it is that), But we are praising God by saying that we believe He is who He says He is and we trust in these things that He has done for us.

Secondly, the *Nicene Creed* keeps in our hearts and minds the heart and core of the Christian Faith which we believe and by which we are being saved. The Christian Faith involves an objective set of facts that must be

believed in order to be saved. It is objective in that it is true for everyone and remains true regardless of what you think of it. A Christian must believe that there is only one true God; that this one true God is Father, Son, Holy Spirit; that Jesus is the eternal Son of God who became true man

(fully God and fully man); that Jesus suffered and died on the cross to pay for your sins, and rose from the dead on the third day. The Creed keeps before us these core things of the Christian Faith so that our faith is fed and strengthened, and we are better equipped to share this Faith with others so that they too might be brought to believe it.

Thirdly, the *Nicene Creed* helps guard and defend us from accepting or believing errors and false teaching that others might be sharing. If you hear a Jehovah's Witness say to you that Jesus is not Almighty God, but just as special man and some sort of a divine being, then you know it's a false teaching. If you hear a Mormon say that Jesus and Satan were brothers and that Heavenly Father was once a man, you can hear the error and refute it. If you hear the "expert" on the Discovery Channel documentary say something about Jesus being just a good teacher that some mistook to be God, you can know you shouldn't trust what they are saying.

The Creeds are a great blessing for us in our life as Christians. If you want to learn more about the history of the *Nicene Creed*, be sure to look at the recent issue of 'The Lutheran Witness'.

Dear Redeemer Members & Friends


Thank you all for your prayers, cards, food, gift cards, and flowers as I recover from my fall on April 10th. I still have a ways to go before I'm fully healed, but with friends like you, the time will pass more quickly. A special thank you to Pastor for bringing me communion. I truly appreciate all your kindness. Thank You All ~ Yvonne Pedersen

Thank you Pastors & Redeemer Lutheran Church- You graciously


donated a wheel chair to one of our UnityPoint Rehab patients who was also a new mother in need. Because of you, she was able to return home quicker to her husband and son! She was very thankful and wanted me to express it! I am thankful as well! You truly care about the Siouxland Community! Thanks!! ~ Jordyn Guthrie (PT @ UnityPoint- St. Lukes)

Thank you to all who made my 90th birthday wonderful. Your cards, prayers, greetings and gifts were much appreciated. God's Blessings to all. ~ Carol Junck





**REDEEMER
VENDOR
EVENT**
3204 S. Lakeport St.
July 26, 2025
10am-3pm



Volunteers needed
to help setup and
collect items
received for
backpacks...contact
Emily Wulf





**Redeemer Thrivent Choice
Dollars \$500 College
Scholarship for 2025-26**

To qualify for a \$500 Redeemer Choice Dollars Scholarship, you or a parent must be a Thrivent Financial benefit member. (A benefit member is someone who currently owns a Thrivent product, such as life insurance.) You must be a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church for a minimum of 2 years. You must be a full-time student at a 2-year or 4-year college. The scholarship is good for the

2025-26 school year and must be applied for again each year that you are in college. Applications can be picked up in the church office and **must be returned to the church office by Aug. 1, 2025.**

NEW Choice Dollars for the 2nd quarter of 2025 will be available after July 6th for Thrivent Members who have Choice Dollars. Please direct them as soon as possible by calling Home Office at 1-800-847-4836 or by directing them online at www.thrivent.com. Thanks for your continued support of the Choice Dollar program at Redeemer.

Cooking with Pastor Senstad

'Cowgirl Chicken Salad'

A delicious meal that is always fitting for a summer cook out.

Ingredients:

2 tbsp. olive oil, plus more for the grill
3 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
(about 2 pounds)
2 tsp. seasoned salt (such as Lawry's)
1 tsp. black pepper
2 ears of corn
1 red bell pepper, chopped
½ red onion, finely chopped
1 (15-ounce) can black beans, drained
and rinsed
4 oz. pepper jack or cheddar cheese,
diced small (about 1 cup)
1 c. fresh cilantro, chopped
½ c. mayonnaise
¼ c. barbecue sauce
1 tbsp. dijon mustard



½ tsp. cumin
½ tsp. garlic powder
Zest and juice of 1 lime
Hot sauce, to taste (optional)
Lettuce, bread, or tortilla chips, for
serving

Directions

1. Preheat a grill or grill pan to medium and oil the grates. Rub the chicken with 1 tablespoon of the oil, 1 teaspoon of the seasoned salt, and ½ teaspoon of the pepper. Rub the corn with 1 tablespoon oil, ½ teaspoon seasoned salt, and ¼ teaspoon black pepper.
2. Add the chicken to the grill and cook, covered, until grill marks form and the chicken releases easily from the grill, about 6 minutes. Flip the chicken and add the corn to the grill. Cook, covered, turning the corn occasionally, until the corn is bright yellow and darkened in spots and the chicken is cooked through and registers 165°F on an instant-read thermometer, about 6 minutes. Remove all to a cutting board and let rest a few minutes. Cut the chicken into bite-size pieces and cut the kernels off the cob.
3. In a large bowl, toss together the bell pepper, onion, beans, cheese, cilantro, chicken, and corn.
4. In a medium bowl, whisk together the mayonnaise, barbecue sauce, dijon mustard, cumin, garlic powder, lime zest, lime juice, a few dashes of hot sauce (if using), and the remaining ½ teaspoon seasoned salt, and ¼ teaspoon black pepper. Pour the dressing over the chicken mixture and fold to combine.
5. Served the chicken salad chilled or at room temperature in lettuce cups, on a sandwich, or with tortilla chips.

~ Enjoy and God Bless, Pastor Senstad
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~ Youth News & Events ~

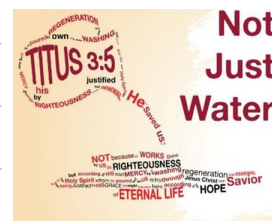
See DCE Jonathon Bailey with any Questions



Join Us for Vacation Bible School, July 6th—10th, 6:00-8:30 PM (Dinner 5:30-6 PM). All potty-trained children through 5th grade are invited to attend. You can register online using the QR code or on the information sheets in the entryway, or pick up a paper form.



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!**

July 2025 Bible Verses

“Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called sons of God.”
Matthew 5:9 (ESV)

Missionary for July 2025

For more than 25 years,
Rev. Dr. Carl Hanson has served
as a missionary through the LCMS
in Asia. He and his family will be
at Mission Central on July 6 if
you'd like to go and listen to him.

May 2025 Statistics

Date	Church Attendance	Communion Attendance	Bible Study	Sunday School	Sudanese Attend.
5/4	423	326	26	31	5
5/11	358	n/a	n/a	29	5
5/18	270	256	n/a	28	7
5/25	282	n/a	21	n/a	n/a
TOTAL	1,333	582	47	88	17
AVG	333	291	24	29	6
POTENTIAL	1,401	1,021	1,021	380	n/a
PERCENT	27%	24%	2%	2%	1%
PRIOR YR.	28%	24%	2%	2%	1%

Treasurer's Report Jan.1– May 31, 2025

Actual income: \$312,737
Budgeted Income: \$350,357
Difference: \$37,619
Percentage: 89%
Actual Expenses: \$336,277

Membership: 5/2024 5/2025

Communicants	943	891
Baptized	258	218
TOTAL	1,201	1,109
Loss of -92 people (-8%)		

OFFICIAL ACTS

May 2025

Baptism:

✠ Emerson Miller

Junior Confirmation:

✠ Abigail Bailey
✠ Leland David
✠ Jaxson Findley
✠ Kamdyn Kramper
✠ Zachary Marlow
✠ Samuel Peterson
✠ Kevin Simpson
✠ Tyler Simpson
✠ Mesa Zellmer
✠ Kyler Zirpel

Transfer in from other

LCMS:

✠ Kristin Tieck

Death:

✠ David Parks
✠ Harriet Doerr

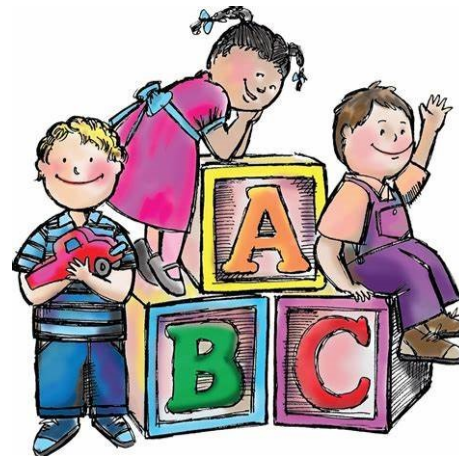


KinderCottage Preschool Summer 2025

A Ministry of Redeemer Lutheran Church
3204 S. Lakeport Sioux City, IA 51106 (712)276-1123
KinderCottage Direct line (712)224-2273

Classroom Aide Needed

We are looking for an
aide for our Monday,
Wednesday, Friday 4 & 5
year old class this Fall.
Hours would be 8:30AM-
3:30PM during the school
year. Please contact
Tara Vander Weil at
712-333-9507 for more
information!



Fall 2025/26 Classes

We still have a few
openings for our Fall
classes that will start
September 2nd
for the *Tuesday/*
Thursday students
and **September 3rd**
for the *Monday/*
Wednesday/Friday
students.

Enrollment forms are
available on the
church website or in
the church office.

Please call
712-224-2273 or
712-333-9507
for more information!

Summery of Leadership Council Minutes Thursday, June 12, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 P.M. Opening devotion and prayer was led by Pastor Zirpel.

Financial report reviewed. Custodial expenses are high.

Pastor Senstad: Attended the Pastoral District Convention along with Jim Arends. Pastor Paul Egger from Galva, IA. was elected to be the President of Iowa West District (replacing Pastor Steve Turner who is retiring). Pastor Jonathan Riggert, Cherokee, is 1st Vice President, and Pastor Ben Dose, Algona, is 2nd Vice President. Scott Ernst was elected Treasurer of the District. Pastor Keith Haney will be here on Aug 16, 2025, and present on sharing the Gospel from 930am-12noon. All encouraged to attend. Will be looking at a year long Stewardship program through the district.

Pastor Zirpel: Honor Flight out of Sioux City was a huge success. Pastor Zirpel attended the meal and provided the prayer. New Horizon Band played. Confirmation guide positions filled. Woodbury Co planning is going well. Still need volunteers for the various dates. Proceeds from the pie sales at the two craft shows- Hinton and Sgt. Bluff- were distributed to the fire victims from the Morningside apartment fire.



Jonathon Bailey: Parade went well. Rummage sale June 13 and 14. VBS is in July. Has started a young adult Bible study on Thursday evenings. Meets with the High School youth every other Wednesday. Emily Wulf is managing the Vendor Fair on July 26, 2025 from 10am-3pm. 33 vendors, 3 of them are food trucks. Proceeds will go to stuffing backpacks.


Elder Report: No Report.

Discussion held regarding new painting for parking lot lines; kitchen floor cleaning; pictorial directory (getting close to being completed); shrubs in front of church.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:37 P.M.

JULY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
EVERY SUNDAY: (☩ = Holy Communion Sunday) 8:15 AM: Traditional Worship: 10:45 AM Contemporary 9:30 AM: Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM: Summer Sunday School 1:00-3 PM: Sudanese Worship Website: redeemersiouxcity.com		1 10 AM Devotions at Bickford Assist. & 10:45 AM Bickford Memory w/Pastor Zirpel 10:30 AM Staff Bible Study/Mtg 6 PM LWML Board Mtg
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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 6:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study 9:30 AM Lamplighters Mtg at Hope 1:00 PM Pickleball	3 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 6:30 PM Worship w/Holy Communion No- Legacy & Endowment Mtg 7:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study	4 Office is Closed 	5
9 6:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study No- Women's Bible Study—Confer. Rm 1:00 PM Pickleball 5:30 PM Women's Bible Study—Oscar Carl Vineyard 5:30 PM VBS Supper 6-8:30 PM VBS	10 5:30 PM VBS Supper 6-8:30 PM VBS - Last Day 6:30 PM Worship No- Leadership Council Mtg No- Young Adult Bible Study	11 9 AM – Noon Food Shelf	12
16 6:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study 10:30 AM Devotions at Whispering Creek 1:00 PM Pickleball 7:30 PM Youth Group	17 10 AM Thrivent Choice Mtg 6:30 PM Worship w/Holy Communion 7:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study	18 9 AM – Noon Food Shelf 3 PM Youth Leave for Gathering	19
23 No- Early Bird Bible Study 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study—Confer. Rm 1:00 PM Pickleball 5:30 PM Women's Bible Study—Oscar Carl Vineyard	24 1:00 PM—Youth Return from Gathering 6:30 PM Worship 7 PM Elders Mtg 7:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study	25 9 AM – Noon Food Shelf	26 10 AM-3 PM Youth Vendor Fair at Redeemer
30 6:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study 7AM-7 PM LWML Sioux City Zone-Woodbury County Fair 1:00 PM Pickleball 7:30 PM Youth Group	31 7 AM-7 PM Sioux City Youth Connect—Woodbury County Fair <i>(Kids Eat Free— 11 yrs and under)</i> 6:30 PM Worship w/ Holy Communion 7:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study	Aug. 1 7 AM-7 PM Bibi's Hope—Woodbury County Fair <i>(Senior Citizen's Day-65 yrs & older-Free, also Military Appreciation Day—All Veterans Free)</i>	Aug. 2 7 AM-7 PM Boys Scouts—Woodbury County Fair <hr/> Aug. 3 7 AM-7 PM St. Paul's—Woodbury County Fair



Redeemer Library Committee: Michelle Callahan, Lisa Gottburg, Jeannette Johnson, Sylvia Johnson, & Andrea Van Peurse



The Other Side of Infamy: My Journey Through Pearl Harbor and the World of War
by Jim Downing with James Lund
 Jim Downing reflects on his illustrious military career, including his experience during the bombing of Pearl Harbor, to show how we can be people of faith during troubled times. The natural human impulse is to run from attack. Jim Downing—along with countless other soldiers and sailors at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941—ran toward it, fighting to rescue his fellow navy men, to protect loved ones and civilians on the island, and to find the redemptive path forward from a devastating war.

The Angel of Bastogne
by Gilbert Morris
 Ben Raines is a full-fledged cynic trying to bypass what he feels is the least wonderful time of the year-Christmas. But his plan to escape on a dream vacation overseas is foiled when the boss assigns him to write the annual front-page holiday story. With a humbug twist, Ben chooses to investigate a World War II legend involving his own father that will expose the fallacies of religion and everything related to December 25th. Willy Raines fought in the Battle of the Bulge at Bastogne during Christmas 1944 and-to Ben's embarrassment-believes a real angel saved the lives of every man in the 101st Airborne unit. Some angel that was. Life was never easy for Willy after the war, and he was far from heroic in his son's eyes.

Summer of the Midnight Sun
by Tracie Peterson
 Leah Barringer's world is turned upside down when her brother brings home Jayce Kinicaid, the man who spurned her ten years ago. Part of an expedition to the Arctic, Jayce shocks Leah by inviting her brother along. Helaina Beecham arrives in Alaska to hunt down the man the Pinkertons have sent her to apprehend. But when Jayce Kincaid appears to have been in two places at the same time, Helaina wonders if there might be a larger problem with the case.



Unbroken: A WW II story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption
by Laura Hillenbrand
 On a May afternoon in 1943, an Army Air Forces bomber crashed into the Pacific Ocean and disappeared, leaving only a spray of debris and a slick of oil, gasoline, and blood. Then, on the ocean surface, a face appeared. It was that of a young lieutenant, the plane's bombardier, who was struggling to a life raft and pulling himself aboard. So began one of the most extraordinary odysseys of the Second World War. Even if you've seen the movie, this beautifully written book will touch your heart.

The Saturday Night Supper Club

By: Carla Laureano

Denver chef Rachel Bishop has accomplished everything she's dreamed and some things she never dared hope for. Essayist Alex Kanin never imagined his pointed editorial would go viral. Ironically, his attempt to highlight the pitfalls of online criticism has the opposite effect: it revives his own flagging career by destroying that of a perfect stranger. Alex agrees to help rebuild Rachel's tarnished image by offering his connections and his home to host an exclusive pop-up dinner party targeted to Denver's most influential citizens: the Saturday Night Supper Club.

Developing the Leader Within You

By: John C. Maxwell

By examining the differences between leadership styles, Maxwell outlines principles for inspiring, motivating, and influencing others from any type of leadership position—including as a business executive, a church leader, a teacher, or even a parent. This book provides both new readers and longtime fans with the necessary wisdom to help any leader and organization succeed in fostering integrity, self-discipline, and effecting positive change.

The One-Life Solution: Reclaim Your Personal Life While Achieving Greater Professional Success

By: Dr. Henry Cloud

In *The One-Life Solution*, Dr. Cloud turns his attention to what for many Americans is one of the most difficult problems they in an era of ceaseless communication, when jobs don't stop when you leave the office, and ever-increasing complexity, how can readers integrate life and work? With the straightforward tools Dr. Cloud provides, even the most harried professional torn between demanding bosses, coworkers, and clients and the pressures of family and personal life will be able to implement the past behind him.

New to Our Large Print Library

By: Robert Whitlow



Chosen People: An Novel Book # 1

A courageous mother sacrifices her life to save her four-year-old daughter, leaving behind a grieving husband and a motherless child. Hana Abboud, a Christian Arab Israeli lawyer, typically uses her language skills to represent international clients for an Atlanta law firm. When her boss is contacted by Jakob Brodsky, a young Jewish lawyer pursuing a lawsuit on behalf of the woman's family under the US Anti-Terrorism laws, he calls on Hana's expertise to take point on the case. After careful prayer, she joins forces with Jakob, and they quickly realize the need to bring in a third member for their team, an Arab investigator based in Israel. As the case evolves, this team of investigators will uncover truths that will forever change their understanding of justice, heritage, and what it means to be chosen for a greater purpose.

Promised Land: A Chosen People Novel Book # 2

Despite their Israeli citizenship, Hana and Daud cannot safely return to their homeland because a dangerous terrorist ring is threatening Daud. Hana is helping her boss plan a huge summit in Atlanta when Jakob Brodsky, her old friend and former co-litigator, asks for her help with a case. His client is attempting to recover ancient artifacts stolen from his Jewish great-grandfather at the end of World War II. Because the case crosses several national borders, he needs Hana's knowledge and skill to get to the bottom of what happened to these precious artifacts.



Election Results: 2025 - 2026

President: Tawnya Becker

President Elect: Lenore Field

Secretary 2024 - 2026: Michaela Uhl

Treasurer 2025 - 2027: ConniJo Bailey

CALENDAR OF EVENTS— July 2025

'Women Serving in Christ' will resume September 2025

Tuesday	6:00 PM	LWML Board Mtg	Conference Rm
July 1		<i>All are invited to attend</i>	
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	Conference Rm
July 9		<i>NO Women's Bible Study</i>	
Wednesday	5:30 PM	Women's Bible Study	Oscar Carl Vineyard
July 9		<i>Single Topic Devotion/Study & Fellowship TBD</i>	
Sunday	9:30 AM	Join us at "The Spark Session"	Gym
July 13	- 10:30 AM	<i>Igniting fresh ideas and meaningful Connections to cultivate our Women's Ministry</i>	
Monday	6:00 PM	Sioux City Zone Summer	Oscar Carl Vineyard
July 14		<i>Fellowship and Service Event</i>	
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	Conference Rm
July 23		<i>"Forgiveness" Lesson 3 'Forgiving Betrayal & Abuse' pgs. 75-86</i>	
Wednesday	5:30 PM	Women's Bible Study	Oscar Carl Vineyard
July 23		<i>Single Topic Devotion/Study & Fellowship TBD</i>	
Saturday	10:00 AM	YOUTH Vendor Event	Gym
July 13	- 3:00 PM	<i>Volunteers needed to setup and collect Items received for backpacks...contact Emily Wulf</i>	
Wednesday	9:30 AM	Sioux City Zone—LWML	Woodbury County Fair
July 30	- 7:30 PM	<i>Woodbury County Fair Volunteers— Sign-up sheet to donate pie(s) or work one Of the 3 shifts is on table South entrance.</i>	

Women
of
Redeemer

Join Us
Sunday July 13th
9:30 – 10:30
Redeemer Gym



'The Spark Session'
Igniting fresh ideas and meaningful
connections



To cultivate our Women's Ministry



Wednesday July 30th



Volunteers don't forget
your pies and work
schedule

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

Everyone else come
and enjoy the fair and
the yummy food in the
Bluel Bldg. 206 Fair
Street, Merville, IA



Please Join Us for Devotion
Fellowship, Fun, & Service
Monday, July 14th
6:00 p.m.

1473 Buchanan Avenue



Bibi's Hope - July 2025



**We are FIVE
because of
Redeemer!**
The orphanage
writes....The
triplets turned
five. We are
FIVE because
of Redeemer
members and
Bibi's Hope.
We made it to
five. Yippee!



A Typical Day at the Orphanage (Records of Comings and Goings at the Orphanage) - The orphanage had a visitor named Mamadou Diallo, biological father of Fatoumata Diallo. He was a former driver, and he lost his wife 14 years ago after Fatoumata's birth. Now he is unemployed, and he requested official placement of his daughter at Niaber for food, schooling, and care.

God Bless Bibi for giving people in the community the help they need when they can't take care of their children.

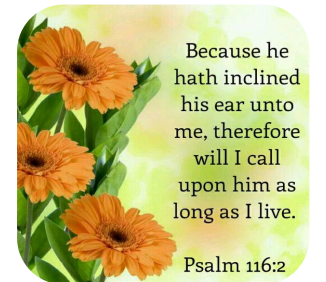
Bibi's Health—Bibi needs prayer warriors. Please pray for Bibi for healing and strength.

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.

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

Please send prayers for the health of Bibi and everyone at ASE-Mali orphanage. Please pray for the spread of Christian faith in Mali, in the United States, and all over the world. Please pray for peace and God's will in the US and around the world.

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



Because he
hath inclined
his ear unto
me, therefore
will I call
upon him as
long as I live.

Psalms 116:2

Speaking about the Lord of the Harvest.

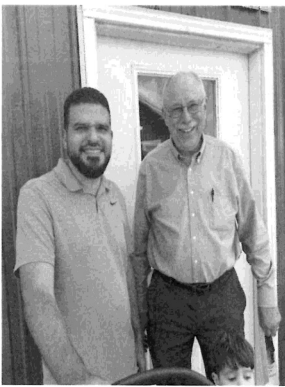
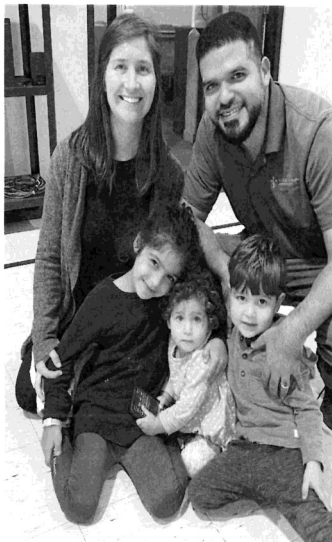


Pastor's Call Update

This past month, Pastor Catalan informed us that he will be declining the call. We will continue to keep him and his family in our prayers. Our next step will be gathering on July 1 to review the pastor recommendations we've received and begin scheduling interviews.

Missionary Visit – Pastor Arturo Maita

Last month, Pastor Arturo Maita, a missionary serving in Puerto Rico, visited Mission Central and made a stop in South Sioux City, NE. Pastor Arturo grew up in the congregation of Maturín, Venezuela—where Pastor Henry and Ruthie served for 15 years. He, along with his wife Ruth and their children, joined us for two days of Hope's Vacation Bible School before continuing on to visit other congregations. Ruth is originally from Canada, where her father also serves as a pastor. Please keep the Maita family in your prayers as they travel and continue their ministry work in Puerto Rico.



Prayers

For Daniel, Pastor Victor De La Rosa's grandson, as he continues his recovery in health and may God help the family with His mercy and grace.

For the open doors to share the Gospel in our daily lives.

For the call process that God send workers that He has prepared for our work here and in other places.

For immigrants in all the world that they may find a place to live and have Christ in their lives and homes.

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PREPARING FOR THE FALL



As the vibrant colors of summer fade and the crisp air of fall approaches, it's time to gear up for the upcoming ministry season. Here are some essential steps to ensure you're ready to make a meaningful impact.

- 1. Reflect and recharge:** Reflect on the past season. What worked well? What could be improved? Use this period to recharge spiritually and emotionally. Consider taking a retreat or setting aside dedicated time for prayer and meditation.
- 2. Plan and Set Goals:** Outline your ministry goals for the fall. Whether it's launching new programs, deepening community engagement, or enhancing children's and family activities, having clear objectives will guide your efforts. Collaborate with your volunteer team to ensure everyone is aligned and motivated.
- 3. Engage and Communicate:** Reach out to your congregation and community. Share your ideas and upcoming plans through newsletters, social media, and personal interactions to stay connected and engaged. Effective communication fosters anticipation and involvement.
- 4. Equip and Train:** Ensure your team is well-equipped and trained. Host workshops and training sessions and provide resources that empower them to serve effectively. A prepared team is crucial to a flourishing ministry.

5. **Fall brings new opportunities and challenges.** Be open to new ideas and adaptable in your approach. Flexibility enables you to respond dynamically to your community's changing needs.

These steps will help you lead your ministry with purpose this fall.

Rev. Dr. B. Keith Haney, Assistant to the President
keith@iowadistrictwest.org

IOWA LUTHERAN SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION (ILSTO)

A GREAT DEAL: For 2025, those who donate to ILSTO will receive a 75% state tax credit. Consult a tax advisor to see how this program can benefit you. Wouldn't it be great to help a student attend a Lutheran school instead of paying taxes? By reaching our goal, ILSTO would be able to assist more students attending Iowa Lutheran Schools: increase enrollment, provide ministry with the community, and share the Gospel with more children and their families. Now that's something to think about. Call Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991 for more information.

We are also keeping abreast of the possible Federal Tax credit that is in a bill waiting to be passed. In the current form, this would be a 100% Federal tax credit and would work similar to ILSTO. Watch for updates.

PASTORS WIVES RETREAT

"Radiant & Restored" (Ephesians 5:8-9)
 Friday, October 10—Sunday, October 12
 Speaker—Renee Gibbs
 Camp Okoboji—Bethel Retreat Center
 Cost \$75
 See detailed brochure in The Messenger.



Calendar of Events

July 4...Independence Day, District Office Closed
 August 7...IDE & IDW Principals Conference, Gloria Dei, Urbandale
 August 8...Early Childhood Conference, Gloria Dei, Urbandale
 August 14...District Board of Directors, District Office, Fort Dodge
 August 26...New Pastor & Vicar Orientation, District Office, Fort Dodge
 September 22-23...District Pastors Conference, Fort Dodge

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

Serving in July 2025

	SUNDAY, JULY 6	SUNDAY, JULY 13	SUNDAY, JULY 20	SUNDAY, JULY 27
ACOLYTES	8:15 AM: Jaiden Thomas & Victoria Peterson	8:15 AM: Jaiden Thomas	8:15 AM: Evan Shrauner	8:15 AM: TBD
	10:45 AM: TBD	10:45 AM: TBD	10:45 AM: TBD	10:45 AM: TBD
COUNTING	8:15 AM: Shirley Barth & Karen Grieme	8:15 AM: Paul & Cindy Fleckenstein	8:15 AM: Karen Grieme	8:15 AM: Dale & Nadine Henningsen
	10:45 AM: Gale & Carol Bobolz	10:45 AM: Scott & Beth Bowman	10:45 AM: Kirk & Angela Campbell	10:45 AM: Marty & Marcia Delperdang
	Team 2: Diana & Marlo Hermelbracht and Anita Mack	Team 3: Gale & Carol Bobolz and Nick & Debbie Schmith	Team 4: Judy Buckley & Loralee Fink	Team 1: Judy Buckley & Marge Lessmann

USHER TEAMS: Thursday

6:30 PM: (Harlan & Mary Feddersen
 Al & Melissa Joens, Shelly Fergan,
 Mike Searls)

Sundays: 8:15 AM: Team 3

(Gary Flammang, Mitchel Bauman,
 Gary Bumsted, Paul Fleckenstein,
 Bob Naylor)

10:45 AM: Team 7

(Doug Stucky, Loren Field, Rick
 Lieber, Jason & Julie Madden)

ELDERS: Steve Peterson & Doug
 Stucky

PROPERTY CHECK:

July 1-15: Lisa Gottburg
 Jul 16-31: Brian Searls

ALTAR GUILD: Marge Lessmann
 and Cindy Fleckenstein

SUNDAY COFFEE & ROLLS:

July 6: John & Anita Stansell

July 13: Garlyn & Mary Lyman

July 20: Dale & Nadine Henningsen

July 27: TBD



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TRADITIONAL SERVICE:

6:30 PM Thursdays; 8:15 AM Sundays

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: 10:45 AM Sundays

SUDANESE SERVICE: 1:00 PM Sundays

communion celebrated 1st & 3rd Sunday of month



Russell C. Senstad, Pastor	Jennifer Lay, Receptionist
David N. Zirpel, Pastor	Kristy Fisher, Assistant / Volunteer Coordinator
Jonathon Bailey, Director of Christian Education	Charity Koehler, Handbell & Adult Choir Director
Christy Jessen, Family Ministry Assistant	Nate Klaumann, Exalt Choir Leader
Tara Vander Weil, Preschool Director	Shannon Peterson, Adult Choir Accompanist
Michelle Prescott, Preschool Instructor	Bonnie Rossman, Jan Null, Sharleen Schlotman & Paulette Schmidt, Organists
Brian Searls, Facilities Supervisor	Jim Schroeder, Christian Estate Planning Counselor
Angela DuBois, Office Manager	

2025 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL *The Leadership Council meets 7:30 PM the 2nd Thursday of the month.*

Chairman - Gary Flammang

Vice-Chairman - Mike Koehler

Secretary - Ann Schauer

Treasurer - Eric Grau

At Large members:

Marc Benson Doug Camarigg Angie Corderman

Steve Dirks Bob Wilcke

BOARD OF ELDERS: Jeremy Schram, Chairman

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SCHRO-TH: Bret Lyon TI-Z: Brian Owens

DE-F: Dan Fischer

K-LEN: Terry Gottburg

PHI-SCHRAM: Vacant

The Board of Elders typically meets at 7 PM the last Thursday of the month. Each elder is responsible for a number of families. To find yours, use alphabetical breakdown.

Planning a party, family reunion, sports practice, meeting or other event at Redeemer? Please reserve your spot on Redeemer's master calendar! *This includes organizations or groups that meet regularly at church. To reserve a room, stop in church office, e-mail redemerchurchsc@gmail.com or call (712) 276-1125 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays. Fees may apply. Redeemer's Facility Usage Policy is at www.redeemersiouxcity.com and in office.*

To have an event published in the newsletter and/or bulletin, please submit information in writing, either in person or by e-mailing redemerchurchsc@gmail.com by the 15th of the month prior to publication date. Thank you for assisting the office staff in accurately sharing the many events at Redeemer!

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Thursdays - 6:30 PM

Sundays

8:15 AM Traditional

10:45 AM Contemporary

1:00-3:00 PM Sudanese Worship

Adult Bible Studies: 9:30 AM Sunday

Now Through August:

Summer Sunday School: 9:30 AM

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