



Christian Education

RALLY DAY/ EDUCATION SUNDAY
Thursday & Sunday, September 10 & 13, 2026

As We Gather

Lutheran education began in response to some disappointing survey results. It was 1528; the Reformation had been going on for eleven years. Martin Luther was a university professor and wanted to learn how well the teachings of grace alone, faith alone, and Scripture alone had been absorbed into the local congregations. So he sent out visitors to the parishes in his German state, Saxony. The survey results prompted the writing of what we know today as Luther's Small Catechism. He was blunt and candid in his preface to the Catechism about what the visitors discovered:

The deplorable, miserable conditions which I recently observed when visiting the parishes have constrained and pressed me to put this catechism of Christian doctrine into this brief, plain, and simple form. How pitiable, so help me God, were the things I saw: the common man, especially in the villages, knows practically nothing of Christian doctrine, and many of the pastors are almost entirely incompetent and unable to teach. Yet all the people are supposed to be Christians, have been baptized, and receive the Holy Sacrament even though they do not know the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, or the Ten Commandments and live like poor animals of the barnyard and pigpen. What these people have mastered, however, is the fine art of tearing all Christian liberty to shreds.

The need for faithful Lutheran education has not diminished. Today, we celebrate the blessings God has given us through Lutheran education, and we ask Him for His continued providence on our schools and teaching.

10:45 AM Pre-Service Song "Arms That Hold The Universe"

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Opening Hymn "Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service" *LSB* 848

10:45 AM Opening Song "Open The Eyes Of My Heart"

Invocation

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

Opening Sentences *Matthew 18:3–4*

P: Jesus teaches us: "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." **C: Thanks be to God.**

Confession and Absolution

P: In faith and in God's fear, let us come before God's throne of grace, confessing our sins, and trusting in His forgiveness and restoration.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: Merciful Father,

C: we confess that we are not the children You created us to be. Our sin has separated us from You and marked us on the path of death and destruction. We confess that we are sinful by nature and that we have added to this sin by our thoughts, words, and actions that break Your Law.

Trusting in the forgiveness Jesus won for us on the cross, we come before You to beg Your mercy and to restore Your fallen children. Forgive us our sins and create in us new hearts that we may love You with our whole heart and in obedience follow You all the days of our lives. Amen.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

Introit Psalm 127; *antiphon: v. 3a*

P: Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD.

Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

C: Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

P: It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil;

C: for He gives to His beloved sleep.

P: Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,

C: the fruit of the womb a reward.

P: Like arrows in the hand of a warrior

C: are the children of one's youth.

P: Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!

C: He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD.

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

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

P: Let us pray. **C: Lord Jesus Christ, You have entrusted to Your people the task of teaching all nations. Enlighten with the wisdom of Your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn that the joyous truth of the Gospel may be known in every generation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Hymn of Praise “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” *LSB* 851; sts. 1, 4

10:45 AM Song of Praise “King Of Kings”

First Reading *Genesis 50:15-21*

(after the reading)...

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

Second Reading *Romans 14:1-12*

(after the reading)...

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

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

Holy Gospel *Matthew 18:21-35*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

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

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Giving of the Bibles (3rd graders)

Children’s Message & Celebrate Song 

Installation of Teachers

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Hymn of the Day “Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace” *LSB* 844

10:45 AM Sermon Song “10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)”

Sermon

Offering & Attendance / Involvement Cards & (Video)

Catechism *The Table of Duties*

P: What do children owe to their parents?

C: Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

“Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”

P: What do parents owe to their children?

C: Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Prayers of the Church

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

Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

P: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Closing Hymn “God of Grace and God of Glory” *LSB* 850

10:45 AM Closing Song “You Never Let Go”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! A cordial welcome to everyone worshiping with us today. We are happy to have you share the joy of this Lord's Day with us. A special welcome to those worshiping with us for the first time. If you are looking for a church home and would like to know more about our congregation, please speak to a pastor after service or call the church at 712.276.1125.

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

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

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

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

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

Please stop by Care Corner to sign **Sympathy** cards for Linda Albright & family on the loss of her husband Michael and for Ruby Kahler & family on the loss of her son Tim.

Birthday card for Steven Smith.

Altar Flowers (1) are given by Debbie & Mike Ahrendt in honor of their 44th anniversary

Altar Flowers (2) are given by Keith & Kim Hawkins in honor of their 42nd anniversary.

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

A video about music at Redeemer. Special thanks to our 100th anniversary committee for providing us a brief look at the past here at

Redeemer. In today's short video, Carol Junck and Jerry Von Ehwegen share a little history of our choir and bells.

Life Light is coming! Tuesday, September 15, at 7:00 pm, we kick off our Bible study on Luke at Whispering Creek senior living. Everyone is welcome to attend, and the books are in the back of the church.

Pastor Senstad will be leading devotions and offering communion at Whispering Creek senior living on Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 10:30 a.m.

Redeemer's 100th Anniversary Celebration – Sunday, September 20th: Join us for worship Sunday morning at 8:15 or 10:45 AM. Meal at Noon. Special Celebration Service at 2:00 PM with guest Pastor Paul Sieveking and a cake reception to follow at 2:00 PM.

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 you are interested, please let Angie know in the office. Thanks

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!

YOUTH NEWS & EVENTS BELOW – If you have questions, please contact **Jonathon Bailey, DCE.**

- **Special Speaker:** Each year we have a special churchmanship speaker for our confirmation students. This year our speaker is from Lutheran Family Services. Her name is Bethany Kuhlmann. Bethany will be speaking on safe and responsible use of social media for students. She will be here for our Wednesday September 30th Confirmation class From 5:45- 7:00.
- **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.

September Canned Item proceeds go to 'St. Paul's Lutheran School'. Thanks for your support.

- Pie & jams/jelly are available: \$6 each or 5 for \$25.
- 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.
- We have newly canned **dill pickles** (\$8 a qt. and \$6 a pint) and **hamburger sweet dills** (8 a qt. and \$6 a pint).

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.

LWML NEWS & EVENTS!

- **Women Serving in Christ** – September 17th, 1:00 PM, Fellowship Hall. **Bible Study:** *God's Heart-Changing "No"* pg. 22, Summer Quarterly. Bible Study Leader – Marlene Heithold. Join us for fellowship and studying God's word. Everyone is welcome!

- **IWD-Fall Retreat:** September 19th, 10AM-2PM, at Perry Lutheran Homes (Eden Acres Campus, 1300 28th St, Perry, IA). Registration \$15. Keynote Speaker – Rev. Max Phillips. Birthday Blessing Bags In-Gathering & Service Project.
- **Women's 2026 Fall Quarterlies** are now available – located in mailboxes and the back of the church. Pick up your copy today!
- **Religious Greeting Cards** for All Occasions! Single cards \$1.00 or 12 cards for \$10.00. Located in the South Narthex.

Lawton's Annual Pancake Breakfast: Saturday, September 19th, 6:00 AM – 10:30 AM at the Fire Station (*Adults \$5.00, Children 6-12: \$2.00, 5 yrs & Under: Free*): Proceeds will go towards the purchasing of rescue equipment for the Fire Department.



Giving! You can scan Redeemer's QR Code to access our online giving. This will direct you to Redeemer's giving website.

Please Like us our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/RedeemerLC>

Additional Listening on Sundays:

1. Good Shepherd Hour- 8:00 AM KSCJ
2. Lutheran Hour- 8:30 AM KSCJ
3. **Main Street Living**- 10:00 AM KCAU, Channel 9

September 20 airing - This is the Life – “My Husband, My Sorrow” – A man and a woman must deal with whether they should consummate an adulterous affair. **Worship Service** – Rev. Jeff Kasmerski, Admission Counselor at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN, presents a message to start the academic year. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. Additional information is available on the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

SERVING THIS WEEK- (September 10 & 13, 2026): **USHERS:** **Thursday 6:30 PM:** *Harlan & Mary Feddersen (Al & Melissa Joens, Shelly Fergen, Mike Searls).* **Sunday 8:15 AM – Team 2** (*Scott Ernst, Brian Duff, Roy Olsen, Lamont Onken, Phil Schauer*). **10:45 AM- Team 6** (*Mark Shapiro, Jim Phillips, Jeremy Schram, Aaron Schutt*). **ACOLYTES: 8:15 AM-** *Zachary Peterson*

& Liam Behrens; **10:45 AM-** Bruce Bailey & Logan Cain. **GREETERS:** **8:15 AM-** Dick & Deanna Braun; **10:45 AM-** Marty & Marcia Delperdang. **TECHNOLOGIST:** **Thurs. 6:30 PM-** Heidi Young; **Sun. 8:15 AM-** Erik Koehler; **10:45 AM-** TBD. **COUNTING TEAM:** 4- Fink & Buckley. **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** John & Anita Stansell

SERVING NEXT WEEK- (September 17 & 20, 2026): **USHERS:** *same as last week.* **ACOLYTES:** **8:15 AM-** Zachery Peterson & Liam Behrens; **10:45 AM-** Bruce Bailey & Harper Marlow. **GREETERS:** **8:15 AM-** Aaron & Tawnya Becker; **10:45 AM-** Jayne Edwards. **TECHNOLOGIST:** **Thurs. 6:30 PM-** Heidi Young; **Sun. 8:15 AM-** Jordan Fisher; **10:45 AM-** Curt Green. **COUNTING TEAM:** 1- Buckley & Lessmann. **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** *TBD*

Record of Our Discipleship: Week Ending September 6, 2026

Worship Attendance: Sunday, 49+117+104=270 (25%)

Adult Bible Study: 16; ROCK Sunday: N/A; ROCK Wednesday: 15
Sudanese: 6

<u>Date</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Budgeted Income</u>	<u>%</u>
Sept. 6, 2026	\$15,292	\$16,129	98%
Year-to-date	\$520,548	\$580,158	90%

Building Fund Income:

Year-to-date	Weekly Income	Total
\$2,109	\$20	\$2,129

New Sound System Income:

Year-to-date	Weekly Income	Remaining
\$9,177	\$0	\$88,235

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Sunday, September 13, 2026

RALLY DAY/CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Services

Noon: Potluck

9:30 AM Adult Confirmation

9:45 AM Adult Bible Study

1:00 PM Sudanese Worship

Monday, September 14, 2026

1:00 PM New Horizons Band at the *Senior Center*

5:30 PM Adult Fitness

6:30 PM Pickleball

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

11:00 AM Retired Educators Meal/MWM

1:30 PM Staff Bible Study/Mtg

7:00 PM Life Light at *Whispering Creek Starts*

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

10:30 AM Devotions w/Pastor Senstad at *Whispering Creek*

5-5:40 PM Midweek Meal – *Tator Tot Casserole*

5:00-7 PM Midweek

5:00-7 PM ROCK Wednesday

5:45 PM Midweek Bible Study

6:15 PM Handbell Practice

7:15 PM Adult Choir Practice

7:30-9 PM Youth Group

Thursday, September 17, 2026

10:00 AM Thrivent Choice Mtg

1:00 PM Women Serving in Christ

5:30 PM Adult Fitness

6:00 PM BSF Bible Study

6:30 PM Worship w/Holy Communion

Friday, September 18, 2026

9:00 AM-Noon Food Shelf

Saturday, September 19, 2026

9:30 AM HER Health Women's Diaper Dash at the New *Dream Center*

10:00 AM LWML IDW Fall Retreat at *Perry Lutheran Homes*

Sunday, September 20, 2026

REDEEMER'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Noon: Meal

9:30 AM Adult Confirmation

9:30 AM ROCK Sunday

9:45 AM Adult Bible Study

2:00 PM Special Celebration Service

(Cake Reception to Follow)