

Stewardship is an everyday Lifestyle Choice

The concept of Christian stewardship can be seen throughout the Bible, yet it is often overlooked in our daily lives. Understanding this concept is critical for every Christian believer, as it encompasses the responsibility of managing the resources that God has entrusted to us. As members of Redeemer, we're always trying to dive deep into what the Bible teaches about Christian stewardship and its practical applications for our daily lives.

Throughout the Bible, the theme of stewardship is closely tied to the idea of faithfulness. This is seen in the parable of the talents, where the master rewards the faithful servants for their wise investment of resources. As Christians, we are called to be faithful stewards of the resources that God has given us, whether it be our time, talents, or finances.

However, being a faithful steward goes beyond just managing resources. It involves having a heart of service and using our resources to glorify God and bless others.

As we explore what the Bible teaches about Christian stewardship, we will also look at practical ways to put this into action in our daily lives.

The first area of stewardship is understanding Christian stewardship. As a Christian, stewardship should be an important part of your life. At its core, stewardship is about recognizing that everything we have belongs to God and that we are simply caretakers of those resources. This understanding allows us to use our resources wisely and in a way that honors Him.

Stewardship involves more than just giving money to the church or charity. It is a way of life that encompasses all areas of our lives, including our time, talents, and resources. One key aspect of stewardship is responsibility. God has entrusted us with resources, and it is our responsibility to use those resources wisely and in a way that honors Him.

Another important aspect of stewardship is generosity.

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God has blessed us so that we can be a blessing to others. When we use our resources to help others, we are reflecting God's love and generosity. Generosity is not just about giving money, but it is also about giving of our time and talents to serve others.

Discipleship is also an important part of stewardship. As we grow in our relationship with Christ, we learn to become better stewards of His resources. Through discipleship, we gain a deeper understanding of God's will for our lives and how we can use our resources to further His kingdom.

Finally, stewardship is about sacrifice. As we give of our resources to further God's kingdom, we are called to sacrifice our own wants and desires. Sacrifice is a demonstration of our faith and trust in God, and it allows us to experience the joy and blessings that come from giving to others.

Understanding Christian stewardship is a crucial part of our faith journey. As we seek to honor God with our resources, we can experience the fullness of His love and blessings. To God be all the glory! Amen.

God Bless,

Pastor Senstad

Welcome Our New Members



By Baptism, **Layna Skow** on May 17, 2026. Parents are Adam & Alicia Skow-with siblings are Levi & Jolie.



By Baptism, **Gable Maule** on May 3, 2026. Parents are Alexander & Jade Johnson-with big sisters Ivy & Amelia.



I have been crucified
with Christ. It is no
longer I who live,
but Christ who
lives in me.

GALATIANS 2:19-20, ESV



JULY


Youth News

~ Youth News & Events ~

- ❖ **Summer Youth Group Schedule** - This summer, the Youth Group will meet every other Wednesday at **6:30 PM** in the **youth room at the church**. We hope you can join us for a great summer of fellowship and fun!

Meeting Dates: (July 1, 15 & 29) (August 5 & 19)

- ❖ **VBS Registration Is Open!** Join us for an exciting trip to Ireland! During VBS, we'll explore the life of David while diving into *Psalms 23* and learning about sheep farming in Ireland.

 **Dates:** July 19–23 **Time:** 5:30–8:30 PM



Register online using the QR code below, or pick up a paper registration form in the lobby. **Space is limited—be sure to sign up soon!**

- ❖ **Save the Dates!** *High School Youth Gathering* October 2nd – 4th @ camp Okoboji and *Jr. High Youth Gathering* October 23rd & 24th @ the Sheraton in West Des Moines.

Contact DCE Jonathon Bailey with any Questions

Jonathon.bailey35@gmail.com



August 3rd through August 9th
Moville, IA

The **Woodbury County Fair** is just around the corner, and we're looking for a little help to make it a success! If you're able, please consider supporting by:

- **Working a shift at the fair**
- **Donating pie filling or sugar**
- **Baking a pie**
- **Sell pies, jams and jellies at the booth and be able to take credit card payments**

If you're able to help in any way, **sign-up sheets are on the table by the office**. Every contribution—big or small—makes a meaningful difference. Thank you for helping us bless our community through this event!

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!

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.

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.

WOODBURY COUNTY FAIR VOLUNTEERS

Monday, August 3rd – Sunday, August 9th

May sign up for more than one shift

Need someone to man the grill each shift

Volunteers

9:30-2:30

Volunteers

2:30-7:30

Name/Phone Number Name/Phone Number

Homemade Pies (Drop off at Redeemer the day before)

Apple

Cherry

Peach

Pecan

Name: _____ Name: _____ Name: _____ Name: _____

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Name: _____ Name: _____ Name: _____ Name: _____

Donate \$20 for a Pie

Name: _____ Name: _____ Name: _____ Name: _____

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Six Organizations Will Benefit:

Monday/Tuesday— TBD

Wednesday—Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) (3 shifts)

Thursday—Sioux City Circuit Youth (3 shifts)

Friday—Bibi's Hope

Saturday—Boy Scouts

Sunday—St. Paul's Lutheran School



Redeemer Lutheran Food Co-op will once again be preparing and serving food during the in the Bleil Building this August! This continues to be an exciting mission and outreach project for Redeemer Lutheran Church, and we invite everyone to be part of this wonderful opportunity to serve our community.

Each day of the fair, a different non-profit organization will benefit from the proceeds from food sales. We are asking for your help to make this another successful and profitable endeavor. Please invite your friends, neighbors, and family members to stop by our booth for a meal and fellowship!

A core group of volunteers has been formed to supervise the operations of the food booth and assist with food preparation throughout the week.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to take orders and serve customers.

Each day will include two shifts of 9 volunteers:

- First Shift: 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Second Shift: 2:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Please watch for volunteer sign-up sheets coming in July.

Pie Makers Needed

Our booth has earned a reputation for serving some of the best pies at the fair! We are asking members to help provide homemade pies throughout the week. Favorite varieties include apple, cherry, peach, and pecan.

Pie sign-up sheets are available by the church office.

Thank you for helping Redeemer Lutheran Church serve our community through this special outreach ministry!

PIE DONATION

~ Homemade Pies ~

(Drop the pies off at Redeemer during the week of
August 3rd-August 9th, 9AM-5PM)

Cherry

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Apple

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Donate \$20 for a pie

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Pecan

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Peach

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Donations Needed for the Woodbury County Fair!

We're getting ready for another fantastic year at the
Woodbury County Fair, and we need your help to make it a
sweet success!

We're currently seeking donations of:

- **Canned pie filling** (apple, cherry, peach, pecan)
- **Sugar** (granulated white)

These items will help us bake delicious pies, and every
donation—big or small—makes a difference!

How to Donate:

You can drop off your donations at Redeemer Lutheran
Church or contact Pastor Zirpel to arrange a pick-up.

Thank you for supporting your local fair and helping us
create another memorable year for our community!

Redeemer Lutheran Church's 100th Anniversary Celebration

"Rooted in Christ, Growing in Hope"

SAVE THE DATES

Sunday: **JULY 19, 2026**

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

Join us for Fellowship time at 9:15am-9:45am. Donuts will be
served. At 9:45am, we will be viewing the Long Time Member's
Video inside the sanctuary.

MONTH of JULY

In-gathering for Foster Closet

Items being collected: **New Back Packs and Water Bottles;
New Socks and Underwear especially TEEN sizes. [Boys prefer
boxer style underwear]**

Place items in the marked wagon in the south entrance.

Sunday: **August 23, 2026**

Youth/Congregation 100th Anniversary Celebration Event

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

Come and enjoy the fellowship and mission work.

BY August 1, 2026 PHOTOS NEEDED:

100th Anniversary Video — Photos from All Committees &
Groups. As part of Redeemer Lutheran's 100th Anniversary
celebration, we are creating a special video highlighting the many
ministries, groups, and committees that have shaped our
congregation over the years.

To make this project complete and meaningful, we are asking
every committee and group to submit photos that represent your
organization—past or present.

Cooking with Pastor Senstad

Baked Chicken with Garlic

As always, I'm looking for something easy and yet tasty. I ran across this recipe for Baked Chicken with Garlic and thought it might just fit the criteria. There isn't much to say, It's straightforward, and it looks delicious. We haven't tried this one, so if you do...let me know what you think.



Ingredients:

6 chicken thighs
1 pound Dutch potatoes
3-4 cups of chopped spinach
4 tsp unsalted butter
1 tbsp of Italian seasoning
salt & black pepper to taste
Parsley
1 cup chicken broth

1 c. half and half
1/2 cup parmesan cheese
1/2 stick unsalted butter
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
4 minced garlic cloves
1 tsp dried thyme
1 tsp dried basil
1/2 tsp dried oregano

Directions

Step 1 Preheat oven to 400°F (or according to your oven) and lightly grease a 9" x 13" baking dish with butter or nonstick spray. Melt 2 tablespoons of the butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat and sauté the spinach until wilted. Remove from heat to prepare the sauce: Reduce the heat to medium and add the butter to the skillet. Add the minced garlic and cook for 1-2 minutes, stirring frequently so that it does not burn. Whisk in the flour and cook 1 minute, or until the roux is thick and golden brown, then slowly whisk in the chicken broth until combined.

Step 2 Add the Parmesan, half-and-half, and cook for another 3-5 minutes, or until it thickens, then add the thyme, basil, and oregano. Season with salt and pepper. Season chicken thighs with salt, pepper and Italian seasoning and place in a baking dish. Place chicken thighs side by side in the greased baking dish, then top with sautéed spinach and halved potatoes. Top with the cream sauce, then place in the oven and bake for 20-25 minutes, or until the chicken is cooked through. Remove from the oven and serve hot.

Step 3 Enjoy!!!

I hope you find this a nice addition to your easy chicken meal recipe.
God Bless, **Pastor Senstad**

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Photos may include:

- Group activities or events
- Service projects
- Retreats, gatherings, or meetings
- Historical photos from earlier decades
- Any images that reflect your ministry's story

We kindly ask that all **photos be submitted by August 1st** so the video can be completed in time for our anniversary celebration. Thank you for helping us honor 100 years of God's faithfulness at Redeemer Lutheran.

Sunday: September 20, 2026

Join us for Worship at 8:15am or 10:45am.
Meal at 12 noon. **RSVP by August 16th.**

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

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

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

Name(s): _____

Number attending: _____

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

Kitchen Helpers needed on Sunday, September 20, 2026 for preparation, serving and clean-up. Sign-Up Sheet in Back of Church.

T-Shirt Sales Coming Soon! 100th Anniversary Theme

T-Shirt sales will start soon. Watch for order forms soon.

July 2026 Bible Verses

“This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.”
Psalm (ESV)

Missionary for July 2026

The Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump serve the LCMS in Africa, based in Nairobi, Kenya, which has been their home for the last 15 years. He and his family will be visiting Mission Central July 11, to share a report.

May 2026 Statistics

Date	Church Attendance	Communion Attendance	Bible Study	Sunday School	Sudanese Attend.
5/3	373	294	12	19	n/a
5/10	341	n/a	n/a	24	n/a
5/17	308	259	23	38	n/a
5/24	262	n/a	21	n/a	n/a
5/31	217	n/a	21	n/a	5
TOTAL	1,501	553	77	81	5
AVG	300	277	19	27	5
POTENTIAL	1,377	1,007	1,007	380	n/a
PERCENT	27%	25%	1%	2%	1%
PRIOR YR.	28%	24%	2%	2%	1%

Treasurer’s Report Jan.1– May 31, 2026

Actual income: \$331,027
Budgeted Income: \$358,928
Difference: \$27,901
Percentage: 92%
Actual Expenses: \$334,672

Membership:	5/2025	5/2026
Communicants	891	887
Baptized	218	217
TOTAL	1,109	1,104

OFFICIAL ACTS

May 2026

Baptism:

- ✝ Gable Maule
- ✝ Layna Skow

Junior Confirmation:

- ✝ Dominic DuBois
- ✝ Sienna Karrer
- ✝ Hayden Kunze
- ✝ Victoria Peterson
- ✝ Kennedy Robinson
- ✝ Madilyn Schutt
- ✝ Brayden Surber
- ✝ Kate Van Meter

Transfer to other

LCMS:

- ✝ Michele Becker

Death:

- ✝ Kay Jahnke

Released per Members

Request:

- ✝ Don, Maryna, Nathan, Viktoria Smith



JULY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p>EVERY SUNDAY: (✝ = Holy Communion Sunday) 8:15 AM: Traditional Worship; 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship 9:30 AM: Summer Sunday School; 9:45 AM: Adult Bible Study 1:00-3 PM: Sudanese Worship; Website: redeemersiouxcity.com Facebook: RedeemerLC: Youtube: Redeemer Lutheran Church Sioux City</p>		
<p>5 ✝ <u>SEE EVERY SUNDAY</u> 8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Adult Confirmation 9:30 AM Summer Sunday School 9:45 AM Adult Bible Study 1-3 PM Sudanese Worship</p>	<p>6 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 6:30 PM Pickleball</p>	<p>7 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</p>
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<p>19 ✝ <u>SEE EVERY SUNDAY</u> 8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Service 9:15 AM 100th Anniversary—'Long time Members video'-Sanctuary 9:30 AM Donuts served to the Congregation by Bickford Assist. 9:30 AM Summer Sunday School 1-3 PM Sudanese Worship 5-5:30 PM VBS Meal 5:30-8:30 PM VBS Starts</p>	<p>20 5-5:30 PM VBS Meal 5:30-8:30 PM VBS</p>	<p>21 10:30 AM-Staff Bible Study/Mtg 11 AM Retired Educators Meal/MWM 5-5:30 PM VBS Meal 5:30-8:30 PM VBS</p>
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Redeemer Lutheran Church & KinderCottage Preschool

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 6:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study 9:30 AM Lamplighters Mtg at Hope 6:30 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>2 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 6:30 PM Worship w/Holy Communion 6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study 7:15 PM Legacy & Endowment Mtg</p>	<p>3 Office is Closed</p>	<p>4 </p>
<p>8 6:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study—Confer. Rm 5:30 PM Women's Bible Study—Oscar Carl Vineyard</p>	<p>9 6:30 PM Worship 6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>10 9 AM – Noon Food Shelf</p>	<p>11 7:30 AM RED M&M's Breakfast & Bible Study</p>
<p>15 6:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study 10:30 AM Devotions w/Pastor Senstad at Whispering Creek 6:30 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>16 10 AM Thrivent Choice Mtg 6:30 PM Worship w/Holy Communion 6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>17 9 AM – Noon Food Shelf</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>22 6:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study—Confer. Rm 5:30 PM Women's Bible Study—Oscar Carl Vineyard 5-5:30 PM VBS Meal 5:30-8:30 PM VBS</p>	<p>23 6:30 PM Worship 5-5:30 PM VBS Meal 5:30-8:30 PM VBS - Last Day 6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study 7 PM Elders Mtg</p>	<p>24 9 AM – Noon Food Shelf</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>29 6:30 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>30 6:30 PM Worship w/ Holy Communion 6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>31 9 AM – Noon Food Shelf</p>	

REDEEMER ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEAVING A LEGACY: Please prayerfully consider ways to remember Redeemer in your future financial plans. Visit Redeemer's webpage and look under the MORE tab at the far top right of the screen, then choose the MONTHLY NEWS & BULLETINS option, and finally, click on LEAVING A LEGACY for more information.

Tuition Assistance is available for the upcoming school year for Redeemer Lutheran KinderCottage Preschool and St. Paul's Lutheran School (grades K-5). Members of Redeemer may receive \$500 per student towards KinderCottage preschool tuition and/or \$1000 per student towards St. Paul's Lutheran School tuition. This assistance is courtesy of a generous donation to the Redeemer Church Endowment and Legacy Fund. If interested, please call the church office (276-1125) to provide your contact information or pick up a form in the office. Please note that funds are limited and forms are processed on first come/first served basis. **Deadline to apply is July 31st, 2026.**

REDEEMER THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS \$500 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2026-27: 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 2026-27 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, 2026.**

If you are a Thrivent member, you are eligible to receive 2 Action Team cards each year. These cards help support our monthly meals, as well as supplies for jams, jellies, pies, and other Redeemer events. If you would like to sponsor a monthly meal or help with an upcoming event using your Action Team card, please contact Kristy Fisher. Thank you for your support!

THRIVENT MEMBERS WHO HAVE CHOICE DOLLARS! NEW Choice Dollars for the 2nd quarter of 2026 will be available **after JULY 6, 2026.** 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.

ENGAGED IN MISSION: Congregation and Community— The Conference will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church, in Carroll, IA, on **September 18th & 19th**. This conference is for all pastors, church workers, and laity. The cost is only \$30.00 for this two-day event! The registration fee includes all materials and catered meals. **Deadline is August 21, 2026, and the hotel reservation deadline is September 1, 2026.** Registration and Hotel information at <https://tinyurl.com/EngagedinMission>



Redeemer Lutheran Church is hiring a preschool aide.

The position is 28 hours a week. The hours are Mon, Wed & Fri from 8:30 am -3:30 pm. Tues & Thurs. are 8:30 AM– 12:30 PM . If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Tara Vander Weil at 712-276-1125 or 712-224-2273.

Calvary is hiring a new part-time secretary for the office. The position is 19 hours a week. The hours are Mon 9-noon, Tues-Fri 9-1. Salary depends on experience. If anyone is interested or knows someone who would be interested have them call Pastor Travis or church office at 712-239-1575 for an application.

Join us for the 11th Annual Iowa Bible Reading on Saturday, July 11th. You can choose a time slot to read between 7:00 AM – 4 PM at the Woodbury County Courthouse (620 Douglas St., Sioux City) – on the North and West sidewalks. Sign up at the table in the Narthex .

Dear Redeemer Members & Friends

Thank you to everyone who has been so thoughtful with my illness and also my 91st birthday. Your thoughtful prayers, cards, gifts and food have been so helpful! I am so blessed with all my Redeemer friends. God's Blessings! ~~ Carol Junck

Dear Pastors, Ladies Aid, and other supporters, thank you for your prayers and support for my family and I as I attended the Seminary. We are thankful for you all. God Bless. In Christ~~ Luke Konkel

Thank you!

Dear Pastors, Church Family, Elders, and Youth Leadership Committee, Thank You for the love, support, and the gift I received at Confirmation. Thank you for pushing me to learn God's love through the bible, scripture, and catechism. Love & God's Blessings~~ Madilyn Schutt



*Books Are a Hidden Treasure
Ours Will Make You Rich in Spirit*

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



Out of the Depths: *An Unforgettable WWII Story of Survival, Courage, and the Sinking of the USS Indianapolis* by *Edgar Harrell, David Harrell*
July 30, 1945--The USS "Indianapolis" and its 1,196-man crew is heading toward a small island in the South Pacific, sailing unescorted, and assured the waters are safe. It is midnight, and Marine Edgar Harrell and several others have sacked out on deck rather than in their hot and muggy quarters below. Fresh off a top-secret mission to deliver uranium for the atomic bombs, they are unaware their ship is being watched. Minutes later, six torpedoes are slicing toward the "Indy". For five horrifying days and nights, Harrell and his shipmates had to fend for themselves in the open seas. Plagued by dehydration, exposure, saltwater poisoning, and shark attacks, their numbers were cruelly depleted before they were miraculously rescued. This is one man's story of courage, ingenuity, and faith in God's providence in the midst of the worst naval disaster in U.S. history.

The Sister Circle: *Sister Circle #1* by *Nancy Moser, Vonette Bright*
Book One of this charming contemporary series introduces Peerbaugh Place, the quaint Victorian house that becomes a refuge to seven women of vastly different ages, personalities, and backgrounds. This heartwarming and timeless story reveals their struggles and triumphs, as the women forge a special bond of sisterhood and come together through faith and love.

More Than We Remember by *Christina Suzann Nelson*
When Addison Killbourn's husband is involved in a car accident that leaves a woman dead, her perfectly constructed life crumbles apart. With her husband's memory of that night gone and the revelation of a potentially life-altering secret, Addison has to reevaluate all she thought she knew.

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The Memory House by *Rachel Hauck*
In the spring of 1953, Everleigh is happily married and newly pregnant. But a tornado sweeps

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through Waco, Texas, taking her hopes of a bright future with it. Seven years later, widowed and childless, she is living with her mother and older than her years. It is not until she runs into an old high school friend, that a small spark of hope for what life could be is rekindled. Beck Holiday is a tough, angry, cop. Her father's death on 9/11 took not just her father's life but many of her memories as well. She learns that she's inherited a house from someone Beck apparently knows but cannot remember—in Florida, and her suspension from work leaves her with time to make the trip to figure out why. Connected through a beautiful house in ways they will both come to understand, both women must find the courage to face the truth about themselves in order to truly love and be loved in return.



Breaking Free (Book on CD)

by Lauraine Snelling

A story of hope and restoration for a newly paroled mother rebuilding her life after the loss of her son. Maggie Roberts is starting over again after her reckless driving led to a 10-year prison sentence and the devastating loss of her son. Having learned to repurpose retired thoroughbred racehorses through an inmate training program, Maggie finds a way to rebuild her life. But it's not until she meets single father Gil Winters and his wheelchair-bound son, Edward, that she finds her calling. In helping Edward with his therapy using horses, Maggie finds herself coming to life again. But when a shadow from the past returns, Maggie is forced to choose between her newfound freedom and getting Edward the life-saving help he needs.



The Witness (Book on CD)

by Dee Henderson

Police Chief Luke Granger's witness to a murder, Amy Griffin, has been on the run for years. Her family thinks she was murdered eight years ago, but Amy chose to accept a life in the shadows in order to protect her sisters' lives. Now unveiled secrets about their father have thrust the sisters into the public spotlight. The man who wants Amy dead now sees her sisters as the way to locate her. Luke and two of his homicide detectives are determined to stand in the way. They are each falling in love with a different sister, and it's become a personal mission to keep them safe. But chances are that at least one of them will fail, and facing the future will take a faith deeper than any of them currently knows.



JULY AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT

DEE HENDERSON

Dee is the creator of over 14 best-selling novels. Famously known for the critically acclaimed Uncommon Heroes series and the O'Malley series. Dee is undeniably a trailblazer in the inspirational romantic suspense genre. Dee has been nominated for several awards including the prestigious RITA Awards, ECPA Gold medallion awards, Golden Quill awards, Christy awards, Choice awards and the National readers awards. She currently lives in Springfield, Illinois.

What you'll find in our Library:
The O'Malley Series

- ◆ Negotiator
- ◆ Danger in the Shadows
- ◆ The Guardian
- ◆ The Truth Seeker
- ◆ The Protector
- ◆ The Healer
- ◆ The Rescuer
- ◆ Jennifer

Uncommon Heroes

- ◆ True Devotion
- ◆ True Valor
- ◆ True Honor
- ◆ True Courage / Kidnapped

And many other Dee Henderson books. Stop into the Redeemer Library to see more options.

Blessed is the nation whose
GOD is the LORD
≈ Psalm 33:12

July 2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – July 2026
'Women Serving in Christ' will resume September 2026

Tuesday	6:00 PM	LWML Board Mtg	Conference Rm
July 7	<i>All are invited to attend</i>		
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	Conference Rm
July 8	<i>'Great Pray-ers of the Bible'- "Throwaway People" pgs. 29-34</i>		
Wednesday	5:30 PM	Women's Bible Study	Oscar Carl Vineyard
July 8	<i>Sing Topic Devotion/Study & Fellowship TBD</i>		
Tuesday	6:00 PM	Sioux City Zone Summer Event	Oscar Carl Vineyard
July 14	<i>Christmas in July—Fellowship and Service Event</i>		
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	Conference Rm
July 22	<i>'Great Pray-ers' of the Bible'- Spreading it Before the Lord' pgs.35-40</i>		
Wednesday	5:30 PM	Women's Bible Study	Oscar Carl Vineyard
July 22	<i>Single Topic Devotion/Study & Fellowship TBD</i>		

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 14th, 2026 - Sioux City Zone Event at Oscar Carl Vineyard
- August 5th, 2026 - (Wed.) LWML Woodbury County Fair – Food Booth
- September 19th, 2026 - IWD Fall Retreat – Mission Central
- October 17th, 2026 - Sioux City Zone Fall Rally at Faith TBA
- July 8th - 11th, 2027- 42nd Biennial LWML Convention Oklahoma City, OK

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

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

Sioux City Zone Gathering
LWML Tuesday, July 14th 6:00 p.m.
 Lutheran Women in Mission

Please Join Us for Devotion
 Fellowship, Fun, & Service
 Speaker: Kati Winklepleck, President
 Unity Point – St Lukes Foundation
 Ingathering: New Children's board
 books and stuffed animals

Christmas in July



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Prayerfully
 Consider
 and follow
 His lead!!

God can use you!!!

Accepting Nominations For Redeemer LWML Board --- **Election Date: July 23rd & 26th before and after services. South Entrance**

Board Positions Open for Election:

- Secretary (2-year term, 2026 -2028)
- President-Elect (2-year term, 1 year as president-elect followed by 1 year as president)
- Questions or placing name on ballot, contact Tawnya Becker



Sioux City Zone
LWML
 Lutheran Women in Mission

Wednesday August 5th



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

Volunteers

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

Pies

- Cherry
- Apple
- Peach
- Pecan

\$20 donation for Pie

Sign Up Sheet – South Entrance

Bibi's Hope Update . . .



A Story of God's Orchestration: Minister Deb Mechler from Spencer, Iowa and Bibi Sangho from Mali, Africa
(Shared by Deb, with a few clarifying edits by Bibi's Hope.)

Last month we shared how Deb's involvement with The Luke Society led her to visit an orphanage in Bamako, Mali, where she met its director, Bibi Sangho. From the moment they met, Deb felt a deep connection with Bibi. What she didn't realize then was how God was beginning to weave their lives together in a remarkable way.

After returning home I prayed about that connection. I had the unmistakable sense that Bibi and I were to become more involved with each other's lives. Gradually my husband and I sensed the Spirit directing me to provide spiritual and partial financial support for Bibi, while other people and organizations supported the orphanage itself.

I stayed with Bibi on subsequent trips, adding days beyond my Luke Society obligations. She shared her dreams for the orphanage, which eventually were realized through the substantial help of people from North Africa and Europe, as well as Redeemer's astonishing level of support. I gave her a French Bible with many verses underlined that had been helpful to me. We laughed and cried as we told each other stories about our children.

As I was visiting on one trip, the Malian president's wife sent several boxes of frozen fish, which she shared with her grateful neighbors before they would spoil. I have called her "Fish Lady" ever since, and she called me "Blue Lady" for my favorite color of clothing.

Bibi and I grew close in heart. I was among those she relied on for prayer and spiritual support, and I looked to her for inspiration. Her faith, joy and determination have had an impact on me in times when I needed personal strength. Bibi approached the work of the orphanage with deep faith. Her example of depending on God for everything was truly inspiring. She had passion and charisma in full measure, and she used them for the sake of the children.

Over the years of our friendship, Bibi has stayed in my home, and we hosted her daughters Tene and Diami for several weeks. What beautiful girls—now women, who reflect their mother's love. Although my husband and I have assisted Bibi in times of crisis (as have so many of you), the impact goes both ways. Bibi's love, support and friendship have enriched my life beyond anything I could have imagined. That is the love of Jesus flowing among us.

To be continued next month: Learn how Bibi's life was placed in danger—and how God used Deb, from thousands of miles away, to help provide hope and protection in a time of crisis.

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

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

Please send prayers for everyone at ASE-Mali orphanage. Please pray for peace and the spread of Christian faith in Mali, in the United States, and all over the world.

In Christ,
Bibi's Hope Committee #HopefortheChildren

Summery of Leadership Council Minutes Thursday, June 11, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 P.M. Opening devotion was led by Pastor Zirpel.

Financial report reviewed and accepted. Actuals are about 92% of budget.

Pastor Senstad: Will get more details on Bluetooth sound systems for us to review. St. Paul's golf outing is August 16th with a meal to follow in the St. Paul's gym.

Pastor Zirpel: Changing soap in the dishwasher has improved the look of the stainless steel being washed. Fair preparations are going well, raised about \$1000 at the Pizza Ranch fundraiser.

Jonathon Bailey: Rummage Sales is set up and ready to go, mission trip leaves June 25th. Forty signed up for VBS, summer Sunday School. Numbers are good.

Elder's Report: No Report.

Discussion about cleaning at the church.

100th Anniversary Celebration – reviewed copy of plans.

We will be fixing a couple parts of the roof and replacing the HVAC unit on the sanctuary.

We will not meet in July.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Serving in July 2026

	SUNDAY, JULY 5	SUNDAY, JULY 12	SUNDAY, JULY 19	SUNDAY, JULY 26
ACOLYTES	8:15 AM: TBD	8:15 AM: TBD	8:15 AM: Liam Behrens & Zayden Thomas	8:15 AM: Jase Fisher & Jaiden Thomas
	10:45 AM: Jeremiah Jessen & Zayden Thomas	10:45 AM: TBD	10:45 AM: TBD	10:45 AM: TBD
	8:15 AM: Shirley Barth & Loralee Fink	8:15 AM: Lamont & Drenda Onken	8:15 AM: Dick & Deanna Braun	8:15 AM: Scott & Brenda Ernst
COUNTING	10:45 AM: Jackie Krueger	10:45 AM: Dale & Tina Revell	10:45 AM: Shirley Stokes	10:45 AM: Scott & Beth Bowman
	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 4

(Gary Kitzmann, James Bailey, Dick
 Braun, Dale Henningsen)

10:45 AM: Team 8

(Dave Schlotman, Scott & Beth
 Bowman, Brian Owens)

ELDERS: Steve Peterson & Doug

Stucky

PROPERTY CHECK:

July 1-15 Lisa Gottburg
 July 16-31 TBD

ALTAR GUILD: Marge Lessmann,
 Pam Bales, Brenda Ernst

SUNDAY COFFEE & ROLLS:

July 5: Steve & Ann Peterson

July 12: Dale & Nadine Henningsen

July 19: 100th Anniver. Committee

July 26: Paul & Cindy Fleckenstein



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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
Vacant, Preschool Aide	Bonnie Rossman, Jan Null, Sharleen Schlotman, Organists
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2026 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL *The Leadership Council meets 7:30 PM the 2nd Thursday of the month.*

Chairman - Mark Benson

Vice-Chairman - Angie Corderman

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Treasurer - Aaron Becker

At Large members:

Doug Camarigg Steve Dirks Mike Koehler

Bob Wilcke Justin Wulf

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BR-DA: Steve Peterson

DE-F: Dan Fischer

G-HEF: Jeremy Schram

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K-LEN: Terry Gottburg

LES-MID: Doug Stucky

MIL-PET: Phil Schauer

PHI-SCHRAM: Vacant

SCHRO-TH: Bret Lyon

TI-Z: Brian Owens

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 redeemerchurchsc@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 redeemerchurchsc@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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10:45 AM Contemporary

1:00-3:00 PM Sudanese Worship

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